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UPTURN HOPE AS MORE VISIT TOWN

MORE people are visiting Oswestry, sparking hopes of an upturn in the town's economic fortunes.

Last night the town council's markets and car parks committee heard that more people were using the town's car parks and they were also staying longer.

The main Central car park has seen income rise by almost four per cent in the past six months while income from the Horsemarket car park has risen by more than 10 per cent – with no increase in charges.

Over the past six months 330,205 pay and display tickets were issued for Central car park with more people staying for longer than in the same period last year. It meant a 3.9 per cent increase in income for Oswestry Town Council, which runs the car parks. Last year 528,218 tickets were issued over the full 12 months.

by Sue Austin

An even better increase was seen on the Horsemarket car park, where there was an increase of 10.5 per cent in income and 74,439 tickets issued compared to 117,090 in the full 12 months previously, at Smithfield Street there was a 1.54 per cent rise.

One of Oswestry's leading councillors says a full programme of events in the town is helping to draw in visitors. Cynthia Hawksley, chairman of the council's markets and car parks committee, said she was delighted with the figures.

"Only yesterday I was shopping in Oswestry and things do seem to be on the up," she said.

Encourage

"There were a lot of people in the town and, more importantly, they seemed to be buying. This can only be good news for shops, cafes and other businesses in the centre."

Councillor Hawksley said the town council had been working with other organisations to encourage more visitors.

"Each month there seems to be an event held in Oswestry that is attracting visitors to the town. The town council was involved with the incredibly successful food festival and the apple day and it has also put on events itself.

"There is already a full programme lined up for 2014.

"Next week we have Oswestry Christmas Live which always attracts thousands to the town centre. We want Oswestry to be a thriving centre where people come to shop, to work and to enjoy themselves.

"Bringing more people into the town is good for the economy and we have deliberately held down our car parking charges to attract shoppers to Oswestry."

● Last night Oswestry Town Council received a request from the Oswestry Chamber of Commerce to bring in free car parking from 2pm daily between December 16 and 24 and a request for free parking for Small Business Saturday on December 7.

Free parking costs paid by cabinet

FREE car parking will be introduced in towns in Powys in a bid to boost trade in the run-up to Christmas.

Powys County Council said its main car parks in towns across the area would have free parking from Saturday until Christmas Eve between 10am and 6pm, after the council's cabinet members agreed not to take their full salary entitlement, generating savings of £47,000.

The move echoes various schemes by Shropshire Council and town councils across the border in the run up to the festive period.

Councillor Barry Thomas, Powys cabinet member for highways, said he hoped it would lead to more people doing their shopping locally. He said: "While there are signs of improvement in the economy, businesses throughout the county are still going through a very difficult time and we want to provide practical support for them and help stimulate economic activity.

"Free parking for the whole of December was ruled out due to cost and because it would have allowed spaces intended for shoppers to be used by workers or residents and the intended benefit to shopkeepers would be reduced."

The council's cabinet has again agreed the initiative would be paid for by using money saved when cabinet members gave up their special responsibility allowance.

Fight to save fire station

A large crowd of people turned out in support of saving Montgomery Fire Station.
Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A PETITION designed to save Montgomery's closure-threatened fire station has been officially launched.

Campaigners say Montgomery Fire Station is "vital" to the area and warned lives will be lost if it is closed as part of cost-cutting measures by fire chiefs.

The petition was launched by Councillor Mike Mills, town mayor and the town's county councillor Stephen Hayes, outside the fire station on Sunday.

It will now be placed in shops around the town and surrounding villages and Councillor Mills hopes to present it to Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service before it makes any final decisions.

Councillor Mills said: "I have organised and printed the petition sheets and I have put some in Montgomery Post Office and in shops in the town and in Chirbury, Sarn, Kerry, Forden Llandyssil and Churchstoke in the hope they will support it.

"From our initial research, it is apparent that since January 2013, Montgomery Fire Station answered over 179 emergency calls, 87 of which were first responder related and 92 of which were fire related.

"The majority of those fire calls were supporting the emergency services from either Welshpool, Newtown or Shropshire."

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it has earmarked a number of stations across its area which could face closure.

Carriage in train crash was lifted off tracks

A TRAIN carriage was lifted up into the air before crashing back onto the tracks after colliding with a tractor and trailer which was crossing the line, a court heard.

The Arriva Trains Wales service was taking 87 people and four staff between Birmingham and Aberystwyth when a tractor driven by Ifan Gwyn Evans crossed the track in front of it, Welshpool magistrates court was told.

Extensive damage was caused to the front of the train at Buttington at 11.45am on July 16.

Evans, 28, from Penyffordd, Llanfihangel and co-accused John Elwyn Roberts, 74, of Oldford Rise, Welshpool, appeared before magistrates on Tuesday. They both denied a charge of endangering the safety of people on the railway.

A number of farmers in tractors – including Evans – were using the crossing while Roberts manned the crossing, calling the signal room to ask for permission to cross, the court heard.

Mrs Helen Tench, prosecuting, said: "The carriage was lifted off the tracks and came crashing back on the rails before coming to a stop 40 metres down the line."

Magistrates said the case was too serious to be heard at the court and adjourned it to Mold Crown Court on December 6. Both men are on unconditional bail.

Trolley dash for winner

READERS can win a trolley dash thanks to Stans Superstore in St Martins.

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New look for festive window contest

OSWESTRY'S shopkeepers are being encouraged to enter the Chamber of Commerce's best dressed window competition which this year is being held in conjunction with the *Chronicle*.

This year the competition is taking on a new look with readers being asked to vote for their favourite window rather than a team of judges making the decision.

Shop owners will be asked to submit pictures of their windows by email to the *Oswestry & Border Chronicle* by Monday, December 9.

All the pictures will appear in the edition of Friday, December 13 and readers will be asked to vote for their favourites.

There will also be an award for stallholders in the town's Powis Hall Market with traders asked to submit pictures of their Christmas themed businesses.

Heather Noble, chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, said: "This is a new initiative which involves everyone in town being given the opportunity to take part in the judging.

"Everyone, whether a shopkeeper or market trader, now has the chance to promote their business by entering the competition."

Watch out for next week's *Chronicle* for more details of how to get your entries published in our December 13 edition.

Osfest tickets go on sale

EARLY bird tickets for next year's Osfest music festival went on sale last Friday, as organisers revealed boy band Union J had signed up to sing on the main stage.

About 750 tickets were made available by organisers for the festival, on May 24 and 25 at Oswestry Showground at Park Hall.

Carly Woodward, Osfest director, said that Union J shot to prominence after appearing on last year's X Factor. "There will be more big announcements during December," she said.

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James Bond from the BBC and Mickey Mouse switch on the lights. *Pictures: Rose Pearce.*

Children from Gobowen School sing at the event.

Ellie Jones and Ellie Coulson, both 13, pictured with Mickey Mouse.

Crowds see lights switch-on

All smiles from Lucy Williams, Kiera Denham, Tiegan Dwyer and Cassie Edwards from Gobowen School.

Oswestry's Christmas lights are switched on.

OSWESTRY'S festive season was kicked off in style when hundreds of people attended the switching-on of the town's Christmas lights on Friday.

by Andrew Morris

Choirs from schools from throughout the area entertained at the big switch-on at the Bailey Head in the town centre, with Mickey Mouse doing the honours and pressing the switch.

The lights – many of which were new, were hailed a huge success by families and officials, with some describing them as the "best ever".

Caroline Davies, 32, from Cabin Lane, watched the switch-on in Oswestry with her two children Jack, four, and Carys, three.

She said: "It is great fun and everybody was really excited. The lights look marvellous and it seemed to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

"I would probably say they are the best we have had yet."

Barry Waite, 28, said: "It's always good to see the town busy and in the festive spirit, now roll on the Christmas parade in two weeks."

Fran Roberts, 19, of York Street, said: "I always try and come down and the modern lights are all great, but I miss the classic ones from my childhood really."

The big switch-on, which heralds the start of the town's festive season, took place on the Bailey Head for the first time last year after moving from its traditional Festival Square venue and saw hundreds of people cram in the public square to take part in the festivities.

David Clough, the town council's events manager, said: "We moved to Bailey Head for the first time last year and it was very busy and we made some changes so everyone can really enjoy the occasion. Once again we have been well supported by local schools and there was plenty of entertainment lined up and we have also improved the Christmas lighting itself.

"We have new Welcome to Oswestry lights at the Park Gates and we will have lights at the Central Car Park for the first time as well.

"We have added to the lights after we took over the running of the lights from Shropshire Council."

School choirs from Bellan House, Woodside, Our Lady and St Oswald's, the Marches and Gobowen all performed.

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Funeral of teenager is due to be held

THE funeral of a teenager who was found dead at his home takes place today (Thursday).

The body of Emyr David Pugh, 16, known as David, was discovered in the early hours of November 18 at his home near Montgomery.

The Welshpool High School pupil was in Year 11 and studying for his GCSEs.

His family said his funeral will take place at Berriew Parish Church, near Welshpool, at 1pm followed by interment at the cemetery.

His mother Margaret and siblings Susan, Jo, Bry, Gary and Neil have requested that only family flowers are sent but donations if desired can be made to either Cancer Research UK or Powys Young Carers.

Dyfed-Powys Police is not treating his death as suspicious.

In a statement released through the police, his family said: "David was a much loved part of our family. A warm, loving son and caring, thoughtful brother he will leave such a big hole in all our lives. All we ask now is that we are left alone to try and come to terms with our loss as a family."

Choirs will sing at carols event

CANTIONES Chamber Choir will be joined by children from the Bellan House Singers of Oswestry School for its annual carols by candlelight concert at Christ Church, Oswestry, on December 14.

The concert will be repeated without the Bellan House Singers and harpist on December 17 at St Mary's Church, Chirk. Both concerts start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £9 adults, under 16s free, from Rowanthorn, Old Chapel Court and Oswestry Heritage Centre, or call 01691 238227.

Town market faces major shake-up after tough time

A MAJOR shake-up of Welshpool market is on the cards after town council bosses admitted it is going through a "poor period" and there was little chance of attracting new business.

Two units will be removed and frontages improved in a bid to attract more shoppers under plans from Welshpool Town Council, which also says it will re-launch the market hall.

The market, which was visited by the Queen in 2010, is based at the town hall in Broad Street and was only re-launched five years ago with individual units put in and opening hours extended to six days a week.

by Andrew Morris

Under the new scheme, the market will only be open Mondays, Fridays and Saturday in January and February, while tables and chairs will be placed outside to make it "look more friendly".

Town councillors were set to approve the changes at a meeting last night (Wednesday) while a further review is planned for autumn next year.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, said: "Following a market traders meeting a review of the market took place with the traders views being put forward.

"In 2007 the market had reduced to just a handful of stalls. The units were put in to take the market forward and it has worked for four or five years, with the cost of putting the units in recouped over the period.

Unworkable

"However, things have changed and maybe a different direction is needed to protect the market's future.

"Alternatives were considered including taking the market in full onto the street and providing another use in the market halls. This was considered unworkable.

"The market is currently going through a poor period with some units empty, as has been the case for a while. There is little likelihood of attracting an occupier soon. The level of income from the markets is under threat. There is a good chance of improving the market if action is taken early enough."

Mr Robinson said the currently vacant units and cafe do not make the market attractive for visitors and a wider variety of stalls is needed.

He said: "The proposed way forward suggested is removing the two units as you enter the middle market from the front market at the left. This would open up the market."

Man admits killing geese with shotgun

A MAN who prompted armed police to descend on Trefonen as he wielded a shotgun has admitted killing two geese and causing people to fear for their safety.

Paul Carruthers, 43, also caused damage to other property, near Oswestry, in May.

At Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday Judge Robin Onions put off sentence until January and ordered psychiatric reports.

Carruthers pleaded guilty to being in possession of a shotgun on May 3 with the intention of causing Vincent Hunt, a Shropshire councillor, to fear he was in danger of unlawful violence.

During the drama armed response officers and the force helicopter were part of a large police team sent to a farm after a report was received that a man had discharged a shotgun several times in the open.

Mr Hunt and his family were unhurt in the incident.

Carruthers also admitted three charges of damaging or destroying property on May 2 involving killing two geese belonging to Mr Hunt, damaging a garden shed and an ornamental porcelain goose belonging to Peter Long, and damaging a garage, plant pots and a wooden gate belonging to John Baker.

Carruthers, of Trefonen, who was told he faced prison or being made subject to a hospital order under the Mental Health Act, was remanded in custody.

He had denied being in possession of a shotgun on May 3 causing Howard Long to fear he was in danger of unlawful violence. The prosecution said the charge would lie on file.

Travel agent rated region's best

Thompsons Holidays staff from Oswestry, Jody Pugh, Charlotte Robinson, Lucy Lee, Kristy Murphy, Victoria Edwards and Karen Waterhouse, celebrate being named best travel agent in West Midlands and Wales. *Picture: Mark Booth.*

STAFF AT a travel agents in Oswestry are celebrating after being named the best in the West Midlands.

Thomson in Bailey Street, Oswestry, beat off competition from stores in towns such as Shrewsbury, Telford, Wolverhampton and Cannock to scoop the title at an awards ceremony.

The store has been taken over by new manager, 23-year-old Vicky Edwards, while the team has more than 40 years experience between them.

Mrs Edwards, who has worked at the Oswestry branch for more than four years, said: "We were absolutely delighted to have won shop of the year in the West Midlands region.

"As a team we are really proud to achieve this as we are such a small shop.

"The reward was based on sales results but mainly service – we achieved an excellent service result of 91.5 per cent from our mystery shopper programme and pride ourselves with excellent service.

"As a company service it is our main priority and we endeavour to give every person who enters our shop excellent service.

Excellent

"As a team we have nearly 40 years experience within both Thomson and the travel industry and have excellent product knowledge.

"As the new shop manager I am excited for the new year and all the exciting things we can offer.

"I am looking forward to welcoming some new and old faces in to our store."

NEWS in brief

Town celebrates small businesses

SMALL businesses at the heart of Oswestry's town centre will be celebrated on one of the busiest shopping Saturdays of the year.

Shopkeepers and market traders in the town will be taking part in the national Small Business Saturday on December 7 – coincidently the date of the Oswestry winter carnival parade which attracts thousands of spectators.

The Chamber of Commerce is holding events and there is a public drop in session at the indoor Powis Hall market.

Market manager David Clough, said: "The town market is the ideal place for Small Business Saturday to be celebrated as all the traders run small businesses.

"There will be a public drop in session in the upstairs café in the Powis Hall for anyone interested in starting a business on the market. Some traders and myself will be there to answer any questions between 10am and 1pm."

Chance to meet Santa on canal

SANTA will be using some alternative transport this December with cruises on the Montgomery Canal being run from the Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre.

They are on the two weekends prior to Christmas aboard the G.W. Buck narrowboat with four afternoon trips on each of those Saturdays and Sundays, December 14/15 and 21/22.

Each cruise takes about 30 minutes and the boat is wheelchair-user friendly. Tickets are £6.50 and include presents for children from Santa and seasonal refreshments.

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Heather takes on a top role in business world

A SUCCESSFUL Oswestry businesswoman has been appointed as chairperson for the Network of Women, a countywide business and networking group hosted by Shropshire Chamber of Commerce.

by Graham Breeze

Heather Noble, who runs Salt Solutions, an Oswestry-based business coaching and training service, currently celebrating its fifth successful year in business specialising in leadership development and communication, is taking over the position from Stephanie White of Shrewsbury.

She is also chairman of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce.

Heather, who has 20 years management experience in the corporate world, said: "Business networking forms a significant part of the marketing and development of my business and I am thrilled to be taking over this prestigious role with the Network of Women.

"My expertise is helping businesses to recognise their strengths, abilities and qualities in order to maximise their place in the market and I hope to use these skills to help support the Network of Women to grow and promote their own individual businesses.

"The programme for next year is already being finalised and we have arranged several exciting new venues and also managed to secure some very interesting and inspirational speakers."

Shropshire Chamber events organiser Teresa Rowe, said: "The Network of Women provides varied and interesting networking opportunities at unique locations throughout the county for women involved in any form of business to share thoughts and ideas on all aspects of business life.

"We constantly receive very positive feedback from visitors, with the group currently going from strength to strength and we are delighted to welcome Heather to the role as chairperson."

Anybody interested in attending one of the meetings can obtain further details from the Chamber's website, **www.shropshire-chamber.co.uk**

New chairperson for Shropshire Network of Women, Heather Noble, of Oswestry.

Folk rock band calls in to play at school

THE sound of folk rock filled an Oswestry primary school after a Scottish band entertained pupils ahead of a gig at Theatre Severn.

Multi award-winning band Skerryvore dropped into Woodside School to perform their distinctive brand of music.

The Glasgow-based group have a strong following with their sound of bagpipes, accordions and fiddle.

The roots of the band are from the west coast of Scotland and they have performed all over the world, with one highpoint being a performance at the T in the Park music festival in 2009.

Their visit to Woodside School last Friday was organised by Adam Pugh, head of years three and four.

Mr Pugh said: "I heard they were playing at Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury in the evening so I emailed their manager to ask if they could drop into the school.

"They agreed to come along and perform for the Key 2 stage children and have a bit of a question and answer session too about their music.

"It is a great way for children to learn about music and it is something different."

Earlier this year folk rock legends Fairport Convention dropped into the school ahead of a gig at Theatre Severn.

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Man is cleared of rape charge

A MAN accused of raping a woman as she walked through Welshpool town centre has been cleared.

Mathew Alan James, 27, of Ael y Bryn, Llandinam, was charged with rape following the alleged attack in Welshpool during the early hours of July 21.

He denied the charge at a hearing at Mold Crown Court in September and a trial was due to be held in March 2014.

But he was cleared yesterday (Wednesday) when the prosecution offered no evidence against him.

Mr Mark Connor, prosecuting, said that the prosecution took the view that there was no realistic prospect of a conviction.

There was CCTV footage which partly showed elements of what happened but it was not consistent with some significant aspects of the complainant's account, Mr Connor said.

Judge Niclas Parry said that for once a defendant could be grateful that there was CCTV.

He said: "I formally record a not guilty verdict.

"You have been found not guilty and you leave this court with your good character intact."

Fire chiefs urge people to get chimneys swept

FIRE chiefs in Shropshire and Mid Wales are urging people to get their chimneys swept before lighting their first fire of the winter.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service bosses say it attended 182 chimney fires in the 12 months between April 2012 and April 2013 – one every other day. In Mid Wales, crews have dealt with 24 chimney fires in Powys so far this year.

Andrew Morris

Both fire services say by getting your chimney swept the chances of a fire breaking out are cut drastically.

Rabinder Dhami, of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service, said damage ranges from smoke logging in living rooms similar to a "black spray gun attack" to flames destroying the house roof.

Mr Dhami said: "The basic damage caused is as if someone has gone into your living room with a spray gun and sprayed it all black. All your furniture, photos and belongings are black and reek of smoke.

"It is much worse when the fire escalates and damages part of a room or even more tragic when it gets into the loft space and brings part of the roof down.

"A chimney fire is not trivial. It can cause mayhem to your home and can be avoided by simply having your chimney swept regularly."

Mr Dhami said that 28 chimney fires were attended in 28 days last January and the service is keen to avoid a similar scenario this time around.

Steve Rowlands, community safety manager for north Powys, added: "The number of chimney fires is increasing annually at a time when other fire statistics are decreasing, which is a worrying trend.

"We have attended 24 chimney fires in Powys this year, which could have been avoided had these chimneys and flues been cleaned and checked on a regular basis.

"With the colder, winter months looming, people will begin to use their open fires and chimneys again and we are urging all householders to take the necessary steps, such as ensuring your chimney is swept regularly, the frequency of which will depend upon what fuel you burn.

"I would also urge people to make sure they have a working smoke alarm."

Extra prize as lottery grows

Back from left, Kara Ellis-Jones, Kyle Steadman and Rosie Cave, front from left, Lexie Jones, Sarah Hughes and Keeley Francis. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

HOPE House Hospice has celebrated gaining its 10,000th player on its fundraising lottery with the introduction of an extra £1,000 prize.

The Hope House Lottery began in 2004 and has steadily grown since then.

This year it generated £250,000 to help pay for the care and support given to children, young adults and their families both at the hospice and in the community.

To say thank you to everyone who supports the lottery the organisers are doubling the chance of winning the weekly prize of £1,000 by adding another one. This brings the weekly prizes to seven and for everyone who joins in the future and pays by monthly direct debit they are also giving away an exclusive limited edition Hope House bear.

Simi Epstein, director of fundraising at Hope House Children's Hospices said: "Words can't describe how grateful we are to everyone who has helped us reach this milestone and help make such a difference to those we help.

"We rely and depend on the generosity of people in the community we serve to help raise the £4.5 million needed each year and put quite simply, we would not be able to do what we do without them and for that we are truly grateful."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

THIS week I checked with the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) if there were rules governing the number of people allowed on a train.

Surprise, surprise the answer I received was "no" which would explain why on a Cross Country Train service I used last Friday there were at least twice as many people on board as there should have been.

"The numbers of passengers on-board does not affect a train's operating performance or its structural integrity. Other transport modes limit passenger numbers because of operational stability problems," said a statement.

Blind eyes are clearly being turned to potentially catastrophic accidents and loss of life. We would see how good this "structural integrity" is should one of these overcrowded trains de-rail. The cost in terms of human lives would be incredible.

If – no when – such an accident happens politicians will be leaping to their feet and calling for instant controls on carriage numbers. Why are they waiting?

Surely action must be taken now before this ticking time-bomb explodes in devastating fashion?

The providers must be given stronger guidelines and more controls must be put into practice.

Why, for instance, were there only four carriages on a train travelling from Farnborough to Manchester on a Friday afternoon – the busiest time of the week?

People were missing their stops because they couldn't get through the crowds of people lining the carriages in time to get off and other passengers simply couldn't find the room to get on. Imagine the situation should fire break out.

Passengers with reserved seats couldn't even reach their seats that were already occupied by people refusing to move. And no-one checked my ticket between Farnborough and Welshpool.

When I dug a little deeper it became obvious that the ORR does have a health and safety policy, which it chooses to ignore.

The policy says the ORR will safeguard passengers and members of the public who may be exposed to risks related to the operation of guided transport systems.

I would suggest it's about time the Office of Rail Regulation started to bare some teeth and prosecute the providers. The ones not providing the promised service.

I estimate that Cross Country Trains probably generated close to double the budgeted income for the Farnborough-Manchester train which would nicely explain why they failed to cough up for the additional carriages required.

What a way to run a business.

Showing her work at the One Step Ahead Expo at The Willow Gallery is Gemma Bentley, of Gemmipop Designs. *Pictures: Laura Dutfield*

Musicians 'Luke and Cath' entertain visitors at the expo.

Young entrepreneurs' talent goes on display

Up-and-coming young entrepreneurs have been displaying their work at a special event in the town. GRAHAM BREEZE reports

YOUNG entrepreneurs have showcased their businesses at a special expo in Oswestry.

From crafts to clever photo images the start-up businesses have been given a helping hand by the Young Britain initiative which has been working with 18- to 30-year-olds across the Shropshire and Telford area.

The scheme ran Start Up clubs in Oswestry for 12 months.

Spokeswoman Fay Easton said: "We worked with Oswestry Town Council holding the monthly Start-Up clubs in the Guildhall.

Talented

"We attracted an average of 15 young people each month, all of whom were incredibly talented and had great ideas for businesses.

"What we do in Young Britain is help them to refine and define their ideas and also to find niche markets."

Marketing themselves at the Expo in the Willow Gallery were acoustic duo Luke Day, 25, and Catherine Hall, 20.

The singers, who are both from Welshpool, have been singing together for three years and have already enjoyed success with bookings ranging from weddings to a vintage fair.

"We only got involved with Young Britain recently and things have suddenly accelerated, it's great," Catherine said.

Photographer Care Johnson, 20, from Oswestry, has also seen her business take off since joining the Start-Up groups.

A trained make-up artist, Care will put striking make-up on clients before taking dramatic photographs. She also puts her imagery on hoodies and other items.

"I really could not have got where I am without the help and support I have had. I cannot thank everyone enough," she said.

"I have recently been granted funding to work with school leavers to help mentor them."

Applied Art graduate Gemma Bentley, from Gemmipops Design, has taken her business ideas as far as running a successful stall on Oswestry market.

"Young Britain is a great idea and has been so helpful to everyone who has attended the Start-up clubs," she said.

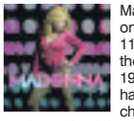
Visit **www.youngbritain.com** to find out more.

Visitors browse the arts and crafts on display at the special exhibition in Oswestry.

CHART TOPPERS RAY SPILLER

Over 50 years ago The Music Charts started and this column will look back at the charts in this very week. . .November 23, 2013 – 8, 18, 28, 38 and 48 years ago

EIGHT YEARS AGO… 2005



Madonna was at number one with Hung Up – her 11th number one success, the first of which came in 1985 and to date she has had no less than 13 chartoppers. She shows no signs of quitting and recent photos of her also shows that she is keeping herself very fit. Her last spell at the top of the charts came in 2008 with Four Minutes.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO…1995

I Believe is the title of a record that has appeared in the charts many times and the last act to take it to number one was Robson and Jerome in 1995 for four weeks. The single was released as a double 'A' side with Up On The Roof. Earlier that year the boys had a seven-week spell at the top of the charts with Unchained Melody and in 1996 their third and final single would – What Becomes Of the Broken Hearted.

TWENTY EIGHT YEARS AGO…1985

Songwriter Maria McKee penned Feargal Sharkey's only number one hit A Good Heart which replaced Jennifer Rush's The Power of Love and held the top spot for two weeks. A former band member of The Undertones, Feargal released a further six singles but only You Little Thief managed a top 10 place. Feargal, moved to Los Angeles in 1986 following a separation from his wife.

THIRTY EIGHT YEARS AGO. . .1975

In 1975 Tammy Wynette released D.I.V.O.R.C.E which failed to make the top 10 but in November of the same year Billy Connolly's version went all the way to number one. Billy is of course one of the world's most popular comedian's and he has found time to release four singles – the other three never made the top 20. Billy's version lasted at the top for one week before Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody took over for the rest of the year.

FORTY EIGHT YEARS AGO. . .1965

The Rolling Stones were back at number one for the fifth time with Get Off My Cloud which had replaced Ken Dodd at number one with Tears. But this successful run from the Stones' was about to come to an end when their next single 19th Nervous Breakdown only reached number two.

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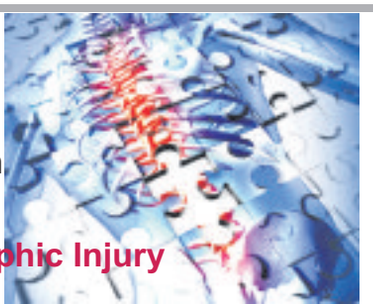

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A: The single most important piece of advice is: Ensure that your business has professionally drafted standard terms and conditions of sale and that these apply to the contracts with your customers. Without such written terms, and reliable procedures for ensuring the terms apply, you may be left with an oral contract between you and your customers, where it will be your word against theirs as to what was agreed (although there may be some letters or emails which may be useful evidence).

An important further consideration if you are selling goods on credit is to ensure that your contract of sale specifies that your business owns the goods until the customer has paid in full (often called "retention of title" clauses). These provisions can help you to recover your goods if your customer becomes unable to pay.

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Ensuring that your terms of business fit the needs of your business should minimize the risk to your business and the likelihood of disputes arising. Where such disputes are unavoidable, however, you should be well placed to protect the Company's interests by relying on the standard terms.

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LETTERS

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School is working on parking problem

I AM writing in response to Graeme Borthwick's letter (November 21) about the illegal parking in Whittington.

I agree with all of his points but felt it important to let readers know about some of the initiatives our school is trying to put in place to alleviate the problem.

We have regular walking buses that start from Whittington Castle and are led by our own school staff. These start at 8.30am. I have personally written to all the pubs in the village to ask if our parents can use their car parks and the castle and the Old Boote Inn both let our parents park in their car parks for free.

We have regular walk to school weeks where we have themed days and children walk dressed in costumes. We have organised bicycle and scooter training to encourage children to travel to school in a healthier way.

We have our Golden Lock award which is secretly put on a bike during the day and the owner of the bike receives a prize. We have road safety lessons for all classes. We have spent money on providing storage for bikes and scooters.

Our school is one of a small number that has received the Gold Travel Plan for its work to encourage healthy ways to travel to school.

In the spring term we were one of a few schools that took part in the Sustrans Cycle Challenge where we competed against other schools by increasing the number of pupils riding their bikes to school.

I have liaised with the Shropshire councillor, Steve Charmley and the Police to manage the parking outside school. We have asked the Police to be present at the start and end of each day to enforce parking regulations.

Our Pupil School Council has worked hard to map where all children live. We are trying to set up two extra walking buses in Whittington so parents have a choice where they can drop off their children. We want to run three every day and train the parent leaders.

As you can see, we are trying our hardest to persuade parents to take more consideration when dropping their children off at our school.

We look forward to seeing reduced numbers of parents driving their children to school.

SEAN SIBLEY
Headteacher
Whittington CE Primary School

Pleased about partnership meeting

I WAS pleased to see reported that Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership were holding a special meeting to possibly re-start the partnership.

The break in the partnership's work has been very unfortunate and so unnecessary. We can but hope that this meeting will bring to the table those members who truly want to see the partnership succeed.

There has been some very negative and inaccurate reporting on why I stood down from an officer role, publicity officer, and for a few hours, chair of the partnership. I hope that in this letter I can distance myself from comments made that the partnership has suffered from poor leadership and administration.

The partnership now has an experienced secretary (unpaid) and a treasurer, both doing excellent work. With these two local people in key positions it was time to move forward the partnership, especially regarding the tourism side, which has always been the 'hub' of the partnership since it was formed in 1996.

All administration for my role as publicity officer was my free gift to the partnership including all the work I did, on behalf of CCVP, in our quest for an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the Ceiriog Valley.

It was a joy to work with many people in the valley who truly believed that an AONB would bring benefits to the whole community. I hold all the files on that campaign and maybe in the future the whole valley will get the designation it richly deserves, along with those benefits.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the partnership who continue to follow the constitution of the partnership.

CHRISTINE ASHFORD
Holbeach
Chirk

WRITTEN on the back of this undated postcard is: "Charlie and cousin Sam in the canoe on the canal at Welshpool." Unfortunately, there is nothing to indicate who they are. Do any current Welshpool folk have any idea? The picture, loaned by Sally Anne Richards, looks like it might be around the 1930s.

Too many sufferers do not get diagnosed

WORRYINGLY, there are still too many people in Shropshire who are living with dementia but have never received a diagnosis.

New figures reveal that across England, only 48 per cent of people living with dementia ever get a diagnosis. This is an increase of just two per cent on last year, despite Government efforts to improve this.

Locally we lag behind with just 42 per cent receiving a diagnosis in Shropshire and 43 per cent in Telford & Wrekin.

A diagnosis is just as important to people who live with dementia as the key to your car or your own front door. It unlocks access to support, information – and, sometimes, treatment. With the right help it is possible to live well with dementia, and a diagnosis allows people to plan for the future.

The Alzheimer's Society is campaigning to raise awareness of this key issue and ensure dementia is given the same priority as other conditions.

You can join the campaign at **alzheimers.org.uk/campaignersnetwork** If you are worried about your memory or that of a loved one please visit your GP.

You can also find out more at **alzheimers.org.uk/memoryworry** or call the helpline on 0300 222 1122.

JEEVAN JONES
Shrewsbury

My mobility scooter is for road use

AS a permanently disabled person unable to walk, the only way I can enjoy some fresh air is to travel by electric mobility scooter.

At times due to lack of a footpath or one covered in hedge cuttings, including thorns, I have to use the main road, much to the annoyance of some drivers with their rude and inconsiderate comments.

May I also add that scooters capable of 6mph or more (including mine) now have to be registered with a displayed licence and should be driven on the highway (not the pavement).

JOHN G METCALFE
Ellesmere

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Funding via survey

AS you may know Arts Alive and Flicks in the Sticks rely on public funding, mainly via the Arts Council of England and are obliged to undertake an audience survey.

The details gained will really help us achieve more work, for less money – a priority in today's world of cutbacks.

We undertook a similar survey two and 10 years ago and have kept the questions the same so we can see any trends.

We will not keep any personal information about respondents. This is important for the future of our work. Log on at **http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/artsalive/ace-kpi/?code=pmgqt4sctx**

IAN KERRY, Director of Arts Alive and Flicks in the Sticks

Impressive service for Armistice

THE Armistice Day Remembrance service was impressive and the church at Gobowen was full. In the congregation were about 70 Scouts of all ages and the Girls' Brigade.

They paraded to the War Memorial and it was touching to see three small girls laying a wreath they had made themselves as they didn't have enough pennies to buy one. I pray they won't have to experience the horrors of war. Seeing all those young faces learning teamwork and caring for others gives me hope for the future of our country.

RON JONES
St Martins

Chirk rally not good for tourism

I NOTE Councillor Roberts' comments that the Wales Rally GB at Chirk Castle was "good for Chirk and for Wrexham in terms of bringing tourism and bringing the area to the fore".

I beg to differ. I attended the event and after a two and a half hour wait eventually got to the venue.

The crowds were far too large for Chirk to accommodate people in safety and the pedestrian access to the viewing area was inadequate.

The organisers of the rally should reflect on the control and management of the event, far from encouraging tourism it will do the opposite.

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Hay on Wye

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All ready for the screening, from top, Toby Jordan, Jack Jordan and Laurie Evans. *Pictures: Peter Flemmich.*

Sarah and Jessica Cass from Oswestry.

Sarah and Anne Holland.

Ken Lowe and Keon Woolley.

3D treat for Whovians on Doctor Day

Robert and Kirra Holland.

EXCITED time lord fans, young and old, flocked to Oswestry's independent cinema on Saturday for a special screening of Dr Who.

by Josh Boswell

Kinokulture Cinema managed to pack in 74 Dr Who enthusiasts, including 21 children, to its Tardis-like Attfield theatre.

Ruth Carter, film programmer and educational coordinator at Kinokulture, said: "It was really fun.

"There were some serious Dr Who fans there, and since its relaunch it has become one of the few TV programmes all the family can watch together.

"We've had a lot of new people in. This was only the second screening in 3D, but it's been absolutely brilliant. The feedback was that the children wouldn't stop talking about it." The screening was for "The Day of the Doctor", the 50th anniversary episode of the BBC's science fiction series.

Featuring current Doctor Matt Smith, the show also involved his previous incarnation David Tennant, and the Doctor for the upcoming series Peter Capaldi, better known for his role as the foul-mouthed Malcolm Tucker in BBC political satire series The Thick Of It.

Founded three years ago, Kinokulture is an independently run boutique cinema, with a regular programme of film screenings, talks and events.

Since becoming a digital cinema in January this year, it has been growing its audiences with 3D screenings and the latest films on general release.

Kinokulture has also found audiences by bringing the National Theatre to Oswestry.

A live performance of Frankenstein at the National for the theatre's 50th anniversary was given two screenings in the Oswestry cinema, with both selling out within 24 hours.

Oswestrian film enthusiast John Waine congratulated Kinokulture on Facebook after their Saturday event.

"Cracking evening with Dr Who in 3D at the Attfield. Big thanks to Kinokulture who deserve a medal, maybe a 3D medal, for bringing all this marvellous media to Os," he said.

Mrs Carter said: "We're still getting new people. It takes a long time to get people to wake up to the fact that it's a better set-up than Cineworld – it's more intimate and special."

Ready for the fun are Jay Evans, Toby Jordan, Laurie Evans, Jack Jordan, Nancy Ros Harrison and Dave Koring.

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Cash deal secures future of town loos

THE future of the public toilets in Llanfyllin have been secured after council chiefs agreed to pay towards the repair of drains on the site.

Officials at Powys County Council have agreed a deal with members of Llanfyllin Town Council which will see the county council make a contribution to drainage work.

A long running row over the toilets in the town began when the county council said it could no longer afford to finance its public toilets, offering them to town councils to take over responsibility.

But while town councillors in Llanfyllin said they were happy to run the facilities, they were reluctant to do so until essential repairs to drains were carried out.

Councillor Peter Lewis, town and county councillor said that a compromise had been reached. "The county has agreed to make a contribution and local contractors have already been brought in to start work," he said.

"I am very pleased. I had pointed out to the county that it would cost as much to clean the drains as it would to repair them."

Councillor Lewis said he could not reveal how much the contribution from the county was worth.

"Llanfyllin Town Council is now going out to tender to find a caretaker," he said.

Safety measures planned on hazardous road near school

SAFETY measures will be brought in on a "hazardous" road near a Gobowen primary school before Christmas, it has been revealed.

Councillor Claire Wild, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for highways, said a vehicle activated sign would be put up on St Martins Road in a bid to slow traffic down.

She said a decision was due to be made tomorrow (Friday) on whether a new pedestrian crossing would be installed in spring 2014 after a bid was submitted by local road safety campaigners. Councillor Wild made the pledge after meeting campaigners and families at the site last week. She described the area – where many of the school's pupils have to get over the road to get to classes – as a "particularly dangerous place to cross".

by Iain St John

People living in the area have been campaigning for a year to get a new pedestrian crossing on St Martins Road, and more than 750 have signed a petition calling for Shropshire Council to take action.

Earlier this month 11-year-old Oliver Lloyd suffered serious injuries after being in collision with a car at the spot where the campaigners say the crossing should be built.

Councillor Wild said: "The majority of children have to cross the road to get to school and there are 120 of them. Under the new speed policy they've applied for a crossing.

"Hopefully a decision should be made by November 29 and in the meantime we are going to get a vehicle activated sign there which will hopefully be in place by Christmas, because if they qualify for a crossing it will be planned for the next financial year so the earliest it will be there is next May.

"So having a sign there will hopefully get people to slow down. There's a lot of concern because it is a particularly dangerous place to cross."

Campaigners meet to discuss the crossing: Council portfolio holder for highways and transport, Claire Wild, parish and Shropshire Councillor, Robert Macy, petition organiser, Dot Basham, Councillor David Lloyd, resident, Donna St John, and school governor Malcolm Titley. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Man jailed for second attack on ex-partner

A MAN who launched an unprovoked attack on his former partner in a Welshpool car park, just days after he had been given a suspended sentence for the same offence, has been jailed for 36 weeks.

Jonathon Horan, 26, was told by Judge Rhys Rowlands, at Mold Crown Court, that it was an "unsavoury incident of street violence".

The court heard how Horan, of Stryd y Coleg, Newtown, was given a suspended sentence in July for an earlier assault on Samantha Warner. But within days he had done it again.

He assaulted both her and her friend after following them in Welshpool.

Horan was given a 20 week sentence after he admitted two charges of assault, and a consecutive 16 weeks for being in breach of a suspended sentence. The judge also made a five-year restraining order not to approach Miss Warner.

Mr Mark Connor, for Horan, said his client did not oppose a restraining order.

Company is looking to expand workforce

A SHARP increase in construction activity is boosting local businesses and creating new jobs in Oswestry.

Quarry and concrete company Hanson UK is making a big investment in new tipper, mixer and articulated trucks and is looking for experienced drivers to join its local team as part of an initiative to recruit over 100 new drivers across the country.

David Weeks, communications manager, said: "Sales volumes of our core products of aggregates, asphalt and ready-mixed concrete have picked up this year and we are now seeing sustained growth, fuelled by a big upturn in private sector house building and an improvement in general construction activity."

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NEWS in brief

Free festive offer at tourist centre

CHRISTMAS is about to arrive at Welshpool's Tourist Information Centre with a free mince pie on offer with purchased hot drinks throughout December.

And for a small fee staff are offering a Christmas present wrapping service on items bought at the centre.

Ladies from the centre will be manning a stand in the town hall assembly rooms on Saturday, December 7 at the Welshpool Winter Festival.

Breakfast with Santa at tea room

THERE'S a chance for youngsters to have breakfast with Santa in The Bay Street Tea Rooms in Church Street on Saturdays, December 7 and 21

Santa will be dropping in between 9am and 10.30am each day.

Cost per child is £6.50 to include a present from Santa.

Booking is advisable as numbers limited.

Change to walk

THERE'S a change to the planned walk for Welshpool Ramblers on Sunday with Heather Smith now set to lead members in the Breidden Forest. Starting at 10am from Criggion car park the 'moderate' route of about eight miles will include Moel y Golfa and Middletown Hill.

School 'invaded' by troopers on an enterprising mission

A TEAM of new "superheroes" stormed into a Welshpool primary school as part of a Welsh Assembly campaign aimed at nurturing entrepreneurship in young learners.

Pupils at Oldford Infants School in Welshpool welcomed in four characters known as the "Enterprise Troopers", who are on a mission to inspire five-to-11-year-olds and support schools in their development of entrepreneurial skills.

Enterprise Troopers Amy, Callum, Rhian and Owain have been visiting primary schools across Wales with their friend Glyn Morgan throughout 2013 after making their debut at the competition's launch this spring.

by Graham Breeze

The characters have been designed as a fun and engaging way for youngsters to learn more about four key attributes of entrepreneurship – summed up by the acronym ACRO – Attitude, Creativity, Relationships and Organisation.

The initiative, based around a challenging enterprise competition for the youngsters, has been launched by Edwina Hart, minister for economy, science and transport, who will also attend the all-Wales final of the competition in March 2014.

Mrs Hart, said: "If we are to create a strong enterprise culture in the next generation, we need to plant the seeds at primary school level and then continue to build on that as children and young people go through their education.

"It's really important for our economy and for young people's own development that we encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship within them at an early stage and view it as a potential career aspiration."

The minister challenged learners to set up school-based enterprises following the launch, that show the four key attributes of enterprise, and to link with local businesses to support their activities.

Olford Infants School staff and pupils took part in a workshop with the four characters as part of a wider programme of entrepreneurial activity already under way at the school in line with current curriculum guidelines.

Head teacher Yvonne Naylor with children and Troopers at Oldford School.

Yvonne Naylor, headteacher at Oldford Infants School, said: "In support of this I have no doubt the Enterprise Troopers characters, with their colourful costumes and clearly defined characteristics for success, will make our job a lot easier in inspiring our students to do great things in the future – not least through their efforts in creating and running a new enterprise as part of the competition itself."

As part of the Youth Entrepreneurship Strategy, and implemented through the Big Ideas Wales campaign, the Enterprise Troopers have been developed following consultation with primary school children, teachers and stakeholders who provided guidance on format.

Entrants aged five to 11 years in Wales have been split in two categories, one for foundation phase and one for Key Stage 2, with many schools entering one team in each category.

The closing date for teams to register is on Friday, and the final date for entries January 24, 2014, after which regional finalists will be notified in early February.

New business link up boost at town hotel

A NEW venture between two well established Welshpool businesses starts soon.

From December 5, Purebeauty will be taking up a second town centre residence at the Royal Oak Hotel, offering an array of bespoke packages and treatments alongside Royal Oak refreshments.

Purebeauty, is run by Sarah Rowlands, and has gained a reputation for offering top quality treatments.

Many changes have taken place at the hotel since, Malcolm and Emma Bebb took over in 2004 and it has flourished with a busy restaurant, a wide range of local ales and comfortable accommodation.

The new tie up will bring a range of packages and treatments to create a new leisure and health centre. Call 01938 552202 or visit **www.royaloakhotel.info**

Tickets on sale for new year party fun

TICKETS for the annual New Year Party for the senior citizens of Welshpool and district have now gone on sale.

The annual extravaganza will take place at Welshpool Town Hall on Tuesday, January 28, starting at 2pm.

Tickets are £5 each and available from Welshpool Jewellers, and Flaunt It in Cumberland Place Welshpool.

Hosted by organiser Alan Crowe, the event will comprise of a number of entertainers, bingo, a mystery guest, lucky admission draw, and afternoon tea.

In the past mystery guests have included the likes of entertainers – Jimmy Cricket and Berni Flint, boxer John H Stracey, and Paul Hayes from TV's Cash in the Attic programme.

Stalls and crafts at Christmas fair

A CHRISTMAS fayre and coffee morning is being held in Leighton Village Hall on Saturday, December 7 between 10am and 12 noon when there will be lots of stalls and Christmas crafts on show.

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Football author Tom scores a real hit

Top author Tom Palmer scores with young Welshpool readers

TOP children's author Tom Palmer helped schoolchildren in Welshpool explore the life-changing joys of reading when he visited to lead a special day of workshops organised by national charity The Reading Agency, publishers Barrington Stoke and Powys County Council's library service.

Tom, who is renowned for his books on football (including Football Academy, Foul Play and The Squad), was joined by pupils from Ysgol Maesydre and Harry Wilkinson and Alistair Richards from Welshpool Town Football Club for morning sessions at Welshpool Library.

In the afternoon he was based at Welshpool High School where he hosted sessions of his Football Reading Game, a quiz about football reading plus a library-friendly penalty shoot-out with Year 5, 6 and 7 pupils.

Crackdown on mobile use

MOTORISTS breaking the law are being targeted in a crackdown on Welshpool roads, police said.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it was stepping up patrols in a bid to cut the number of people using mobile phones or iPods while driving.

People not wearing seatbelts are also being warned as part of the campaign, which is urging drivers to "tune in" to the road rather than the radio and other entertainment devices.

by Graham Breeze

Inspector Mark Davies, from the force's road safety unit, said officers are out and about this week cracking down on distractions at the wheel.

He said: "When driving a vehicle, we all need to ensure we tune in and pay attention. This year, road safety charity Brake has a theme all about reminding people of that.

"It is also about making pedestrians, runners and cyclists understand that they need to tune in also. Driving is the most dangerous thing that most of us do on a daily basis, and sadly driver distraction is a major cause of death and serious injury in the UK each year.

"Road Safety Week, which is running until Sunday, is a unique opportunity for us to help reinforce important safety messages and conduct heightened enforcement or one off special events to encourage safer road use.

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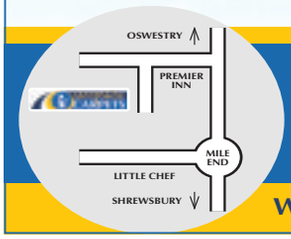

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Proposed power line 'will wreck scenery for good'

CAMPAIGNERS say a proposed power line through Shropshire and Mid Wales would ruin the "beautiful scenery" for good.

A final drop-in session of the public consultation by National Grid into plans for a 33-mile power line stretching from wind farms in Powys to the national connection in Shropshire was held at The Navigation Inn, Maesbury Marsh.

Residents at the event on Saturday said the prospect of the power line, being carried by overhead pylons, would spoil the village's beautiful views and rural nature forever. Mark Baggett, co-owner of The Navigation, which changed its name for a day earlier this year to The Pylon Inn as part of the fight, said residents of Maesbury Marsh felt passionate about the proposals.

by Andrew Morris

He said: "I will give National Grid credit in that they offered to come and hold an event in the village after the initial consultation events missed us out. We were more than happy to host it with them and a number of people called in to have their say.

"People are very passionate about the plans and I think the reps from National Grid would have picked up those feelings."

Villager Edmund Potter, said: "It's a dreadful thought that this beautiful area could be ruined by pylons. Not only will it ruin some of the best countryside in Shropshire but it will also ruin the value of our homes."

Receptionist Julie Wood, 38, who also lives in the village, said: "I am worried about what health impacts there could be from the pylons and what noise they may make. It will just ruin the visual impact too."

National Grid wants to put about a quarter of the 33-mile line underground through the Meifod Valley, near Welshpool.

Campaigners say they are concerned the line, 25 miles of which is likely to be on overhead on pylons, will decimate the tourism industry and damage the countryside.

This round of consultation closes on Friday. To have a say, visit **www.nationalgrid.com/midwalesconnection** or call 0800 0195325 by Friday.

Kai Pritchard and Mark Cooper from National Grid take a look at the proposed route at the Navigation Inn in Measbury Marsh. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

Farmers urged to join alert scheme

A SCHEME which alerts farmers to suspicious activity in Mid Wales is looking for new members.

The Farmwatch scheme, run by Dyfed-Powys Police and NFU Wales in Llanfyllin and Welshpool, is urging more people to sign up.

Catharine Jones, force spokeswoman, said: "The Farmwatch scheme which has been operating in Llanfyllin and Welshpool continues to look for new members to join.

"It currently has 185 members and is run in conjunction with Dyfed-Powys Police and NFU Wales.

"The scheme sends out alerts and text messages to members to advise them of any suspicious activity, mostly relating to people and vehicles, to inform members of crime in their area and also to issue relevant crime prevention advice.

"The scheme is open to farms only at this time and it is free to join."

Anyone wishing to join can contact PCSO Gary Gwilt at Welshpool Police Station by calling 101.

Alternatively, email **gary.gwilt@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk**

Weather hit attendance at bonfire event

COUNCILLORS have commended those who braved "dreadful" weather on Oswestry's annual bonfire night after hearing the soaking conditions did affect the number of people who attended.

The wet weather was unfortunate because the event, in Brogyntyn Park, was celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Oswestry Town Council's events manager David Clough, said: "The fireworks were certainly more spectacular than previous years and the display was excellent.

"However the whole evening experienced high winds and periods of rain which appears to be the main influence on the lower gate numbers."

Councillor Martin Bennett said the weather was the worst in 25 years of the event.

Campaign on abuse launched by police

A CAMPAIGN to raise awareness of domestic abuse in the run-up to Christmas has been launched by police.

Dyfed-Powys Police said Operation Baltic aims to help ensure vulnerable people stay safe.

The initiative, which will run until the new year, is to improve police response and investigation of all reports of domestic abuse – and support prosecutions.

Detective Superintendent Shane Williams, said: "Domestic abuse is any violence between partners or former partners in an intimate relationship. The violence can include physical, sexual, emotional or financial abuse, threats and damage.

"It is important that victims are encouraged to report offences so police and partner agencies can support those who need it and bring criminals to justice."

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THIS Sunday signals a celebration for Stepchange Personnel as the company marks 12 months since opening its doors for recruitment in Welshpool.

Managing director Jessica Bradley said: "We love our little office at Hopkins Passage in Welshpool. We have found a real home there."

As the only recruitment agency in Mid-Wales, StepChange has been able to help place local people into both temporary and permanent positions in and around Welshpool and the surrounding areas, including Newtown and Llanidloes.

Offering a range of opportunities from catering to senior sales roles, office, production and construction site vacancies, there is no charge at all for people to register with them for work.

Database

The company prides itself on its low introduction fees to local organisations, which allows them to be able to massively reduce the recruitment budget of all the organisations they work on behalf of.

StepChange, which has been trading since May 2004, expanded its HR outsourcing business to encompass a database of job seekers and provide a fast, efficient workforce to their client base.

"It just seemed crazy that people living in Welshpool, Newtown and surrounding areas had to travel to Shrewsbury to register with an employment agency," said Jessica.

"We hope to be able to provide local businesses with an available bank of local people looking for work."

Angela Winterbottom, Max Bradley and Jessica Bradley pictured in the Welshpool home of StepChange Personnel.

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Coffee shop brews up a warm welcome to fair

There is a warm welcome for the Christmas shopper at Coco in Welshpool.

WELSHPOOL'S Winter Festival takes place on Saturday, December 7, with street markets, entertainers and much more on offer to bring people flocking into the town.

Coco, the independently owned coffee shop, situated on Welshpool's Broad Street, will be offering a warm welcome to visitors to the town.

They are open seven days a week and are always ready and waiting to serve you the finest freshly ground coffee made using only Welsh milk.

Advertisement feature

Their coffee menu is vast, but why not try one of Coco's Christmas speciality drinks – tiramisu latte topped with cream and chocolate, gingerbread latte, Amaretto latte, or chocolate orange mocha latte, all available as takeaways or stay in and enjoy in their warm and welcoming coffee shop.

If coffee is not your thing then how about their new orange hot chocolate or mint hot chocolate, both topped with cream and chocolate flakes, now that's what you call a winter warmer. If you enjoy tea, then Coco have a choice of over 20 different types, the spiced winter red tea certainly puts you in the Christmas spirit.

For a light lunch, there is always a bowl of hot soup of the day served with a ciabatta roll, or a freshly made choice of paninis, toasties, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, and gourmet sausage rolls, all served all day, every day.

There are delicious Christmas paninis, with turkey, stuffing and cranberry or a vegetarian choice of brie and cranberry, all served from Sunday.

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Christmas in a Glass

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Creme Brulee
Gingerbread
Tiramissu Latte
Amaretto
Cinnamon

HOT CHOCOLATES
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Mint topped with Cream

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The Coco Staff would like to wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Newly established in Market Gate, Oswestry are "County Floorin", who bring with them a wealth of experience in the flooring industry.

Run by Carl Edwards and Rob Hughes, both who have been in the industry for several years, they can offer all types of flooring at very competitive prices.

''We have some great offers on at the moment" stated Carl ''with 100% wool carpets, made by Manx who are a British manufacturer who only use British wool, from £9.00 square metre. In addition to there are luxury Saxony from £12.00 square metre, a Wooltec supreme at £12.00 square metre and a 40oz 80/20 wool twist from £12.00 square metre"

''All of these represent superb carpet at an excellent price" added Carl ''and when put in conjunction with our excellent fitting standard, of which is guaranteed for two years, and huge selection of underlays available, it represents a complete package at exceptional prices."

Having just completed the Wild Pheasant Hotel in Llangollen, where they fitted luxury vinyl tiles (LTV) to the function room and carpeted the bars, study and entrance areas, they obviously have a reputation to be proud of.

Rob explained: ''The function room was fitted in LVT in wood plank, diagonally fitted with a straight border around the outside. The benefit of LVT is it's resilience to scratching and marking, coupled with its longevity."

''We currently can fit LVT ranges from Karndean, Amtico, TLC and Polyflor to name but a few. With ranges both in the stick down version or click system starting from £20, we find that this is a great alternative to solid wood or ceramic tiles, as LVT comes in both wood plank or tile form."

''Having said that we are fitting another hotel in the new year in 18mm solid oak wood flooring, for another one of our valued customers. So although we do specialise in LVT we also fit solid wood and laminate flooring to the same exacting high standards."

County Floorin can supply all ranges of carpeting and all ranges of prices, with bleach cleanable carpets starting from £6 square metre, to the top end Italian Velvet range, and bespoke axminsters, there is nothing that County Floorin cannot accommodate.

''Customer service is our main criteria, with the customer always coming first. We aim to provide a first class service whereby we provide a service from order, delivery, fitting and after care that is second to none" stated Carl. ''Coupled with our Price Pledge Policy, where we aim to price match or beat any competitors like for like quotation, we feel that we offer one of the best flooring services in the area, and look forward to helping the people of Oswestry for a very long time to come."

NEWS

Delight as school opens all-weather sports pitch

by Graham Breeze

A NEW state-of-the-art all-weather sports pitch has been officially opened at Oswestry School.

The school began raising money for an indoor sports hall on the Maes-y-Llan playing fields in 2010, but switched the plan to build a new synthetic outdoor pitch instead.

The school, in Upper Brook Street, welcomed back a number of former pupils for the official opening on Saturday, where a range of sports including, football, cricket and hockey were played.

Matches took place between Old Oswestrians and current pupils in different sports.

Douglas Robb, headmaster, said he was delighted with the new pitch and that the day was one to savour.

He said: "It was a marvellous occasion to get the new pitch off to a flying start and we welcomed back a number of old boys who took part in a whole range of sporting activities for everyone who came along to see.

"It was a whole day of fun and games for everyone and I would like to thank everybody who came long to support us."

The pitch will be used for five-a-side football, hockey and all-weather cricket nets and is fully floodlit with shelters and amenities nearby.

It will also be available for rent by the local community.

Prior to the unveiling, The Old Oswestrian Society donated £5,000 to buy a Cushman four wheel drive ride-on vehicle which will be used to move equipment to and from the new pitch to the school when sports are played.

Mr Robb said: "I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the society for this superb donation."

The pitch will be used by the school until 5.30pm and then open for community use at market rates until 10pm during the week.

Natalie Makin and Lisa Jones of Oswestry School hockey team and other members celebrate the opening of the new all-weather pitch at the school. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Historic four-bed cottage in heart of scenic valley

A spacious semi-detached cottage in the heart of the picturesque Ceiriog Valley is on the market with Town & Country.

Queens Cottage, Valley View, Dolywern, is full of character with beamed ceilings, stripped floorboards and original fireplaces.

The property is steeped in history and was originally the village malt house and later a watermill.

The accommodation comprises an entrance hall with beamed ceiling, parlour with an attractive cast iron fire/oven inset with a brick arch over, wooden floor and beamed ceiling, and dining room also with wooden floor and ceiling beams. Glazed doors open to a family room which is a particular feature of the property, with a high vaulted ceiling.

The room opens on to the kitchen, which is fitted with a range of cream cabinets with an island unit, breakfast bar, electric oven with ceramic hob, and a Rayburn range cooker. There is also a pantry/boiler room, study and wc.

Stairs rise from the family room to a large mezzanine landing off which is a laundry room. An inner landing leads to three bedrooms and a bathroom with roll top bath.

The impressive master bedroom with heavily beamed ceiling is approached via its own staircase and overlooks the family room.

To the rear of the property is a pretty cottage style garden with a paved seating area.

Queens Cottage is priced at £219,950. For more details call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

Revamped home offers stunning country views

Bro A Bryn, Trewern, is a highly desirable, improved three-bedroom home set in an elevated position with superb views, useful garage/workshop below the house offering further accommodation if required, and generous grounds of about an acre.

The house has been substantially modernised with a newly fitted kitchen, full double glazing and new oil-fired central heating. The accommodation includes a kitchen/dining room, large lounge with balcony access and glorious views, three good-sized bedrooms, bathroom and separate wc.

The gardens surround the property and include an area of woodland behind the house, making an ideal play area for children.

Bro A Bryn is priced at £237,500. Call Halls on 01938 555552 to view.

Extended bungalow has been recently reduced

This detached and extended country bungalow has just been reduced to £225,000. Y Gostrel at Garthmyl, near Welshpool, includes a hallway, L shaped sitting room with oil-fired stove, and a snug off the sitting room which could also be used as a fourth bedroom.

The kitchen/dining room includes oak units, a range cooker and patio doors to the garden.

There are three main bedrooms, one ensuite, and a family bathroom.

To the front is a gravelled driveway leading to a garage, while to the rear is a patio with steps up to good-sized lawns.

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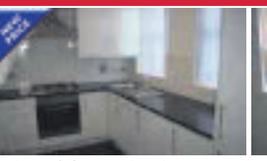
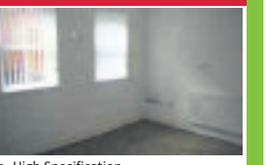

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- High Specification
- Includes Carpets & Blinds
- Off Road Parking

£99,950

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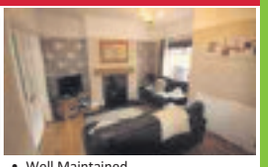

- Semi-Detached Property
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms. EPC E
- Well Maintained
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£179,950

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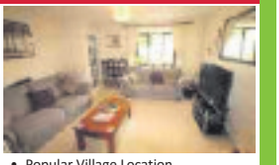

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Popular Village Location
- Three Reception Rooms
- Upvc Double Glazing

£189,950

LLYNCLYS

- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Ample Parking. EPC E
- Double Garage
- Oil Central Heating

£179,950

TREFLACH

- Detached Cottage
- Rural Location
- Close to Offas Dyke
- Good Sized Garden
- Updating Required
- Ample Parking & Garage
- No Chain. EPC F
- Great Potential

£249,950

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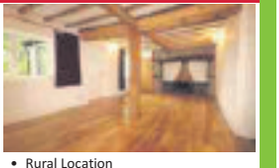

- NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Rural Location
- Rear Gardens & Stream
- Oil Central Heating

£189,950

GLYN CERIOG

- Mid Terraced Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Well Maintained. EPC D.
- Rear Gardens
- Stone Outbuilding

£115,000

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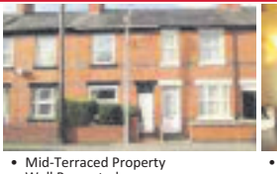

- Mid-Terraced Property
- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms. EPC D
- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

£118,450

OSWESTRY

- Semi Detached House
- Large Rear Garden
- Three Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Well Maintained

£129,995

ST MARTINS

- Semi Detached House
- Good Sized Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms. EPC C
- Ample Of Road Parking

£129,500

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- Retirement Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Second Floor. EPC C
- 24 Hour Emergency Line

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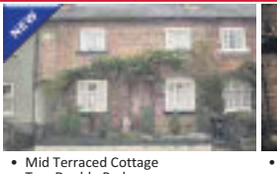


- Mid Terraced Cottage
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Good Sized Garden to Rear
- Many Original Features
- Oil Fired Central Heating

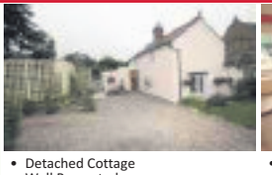
£135,000

OSWESTRY

- Detached Family Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Corner Plot Position
- Garage
- Gas Fired Central Heating

£149,750

GOBOWEN



- Detached Cottage
- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Attractive Gardens
- Central Heating/ D. Glazing

£169,950

MORDA

- Modern Mews House
- Four Bedrooms. EPC B
- Garage and Parking
- En Suite Shower Room
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£169,950

CHIRK

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Enclosed Gardens
- Large Plot

£174,500

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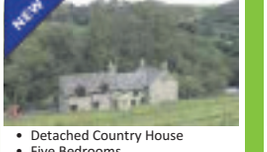

- Detached Country House
- Five Bedrooms
- 1.3 Acres Of Land
- Outbuildings & Stables

£285,000

OSWESTRY

- Three Bedrooms
- Three Storeys
- Conservatory. EPC C
- Bathroom & Shower Room

£172,500

GLYNDYFRDWY

- Modern Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms (One En-Suite)
- Two Reception Rooms. EPC C
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Part exchange considered £179,950

LLANYMYNECH

- New Build Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

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- Shower Room
- Garden Overlooking River Tanat
- Parking

Glen Pennant Gardens, Llangynog

Price: £64,950

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NEW

This detached family home is situated in an enchanting position nestled in the Cambrian Woods, down a quiet track providing suclusion but not isolation

- 5 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Situated In Just Over 7 Acres
- Double Garage & Parking
- Detached Workshop / Studio
- Current EPC Rating E

Quarry Road, Glyn Ceiriog

Price: £399,950

Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

An immaculate detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a most sought after cul de sac location in a popular quiet residential area of Oswestry.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite & Dressing Room)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Double Garage & Parking
- Viewing Advised

High Fawr Avenue, Oswestry

Price: £275,000

Contact Oswestry

NEW

Situated in pleasant a cul de sac location, this three double bedroom family home needs to be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Cul De Sac Position
- Current EPC Rating D

Prince Charles Close, Oswestry

Price: £174,950

Contact Oswestry

NEW

This immaculate detached family home is situated on a generous size corner plot within a most sought after quiet residential area.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Sheds & Summer House
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Car Port & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Oerley Way, Oswestry

Price: £194,950

Contact Oswestry

NEW

A two bedroom semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac position within this popular village.

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Lounge, Kitchen / Breakfast Room & Sun Room
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Ample Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

Baytree Close, St Martins

Price: Offers over £117,000

Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

This Victorian property is situated in a quiet and popular location a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre and only a short walk from open countryside.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Original Features
- Gas CH
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Current EPC Rating F

Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

Price: £112,950

Contact Oswestry

NEW

A detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a pleasant semi rural location with views of open countryside offering good size gardens with orchard, garage and ample parking.

- 3 Bed Bungalow
- Oil CH
- UPVC DG
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Good Sized Gardens & Orchard
- Current EPC Rating E

Dol Awel, Deytheur

Price: Offers over £275,000

Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

Located a stones throw from the Llangollen Canal this detached family home offers spacious accommodation. Situated in a most sought after semi rural location on the English / Welsh Border.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Semi Rural Location
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating F

Lower Chirk Bank, Chirk Bank

Price: £199,950

Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

A two bedroom character cottage situated in the hamlet of Pont Faen with superb views.

- 2 Reception Rooms
- Stands In Over Half An Acre
- Garage & Workshop
- Extended By Current Vendors
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating E

Wagoners Cottage, Pontfaen, Chirk

Price: £249,950

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NO CHAIN

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac position enjoying gas fired central heating, UPVC double glazing, UPVC fascias and soffits, garage and gardens.

- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas CH
- UPVC DG, Fascias & Soffits
- Current EPC Rating D

Guinevere Close, Oswestry

Price: £139,950

Contact Oswestry

A fine example of a traditional Victorian home which has undergone an extensive scheme of improvement by the current vendors.

- 2 Receptions Rooms, Kitchen, Utility / Side Entrance Hall,
- Ground Floor Shower Room / Cloakroom, Bedroom / Playroom
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Annex / Back Kitchen, Lounge, Recessed Bedroom Area
- Garage, Garage Attic Room, Outdoor Dining Area. Workshop

Victoria Road, Oswestry

Price: Offers over £270,000

Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A most well presented one double bedroom retirement bungalow situated on a purpose built development offering additional care facilities if required.

- 1 Double Bedroom
- Lounge / Dining Area
- New UPVC DG Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Private Garden & Communal Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

Price: £89,950

Contact Oswestry

A four bedroom detached family home offering adaptable and versatile accommodation set in 1.670 acres and located down a quiet country lane

- 4 Bed Property
- Annex Or Holiday Let Potential
- Brook, Woodland & Pasture
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

White House, Kinnerley

Price: £374,950

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Price: £224,950

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MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING C
OIRO £137,500

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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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OIRO £134,950

Oswestry **17 Ascot Road**
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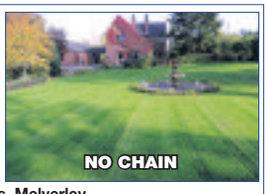

Cross Lanes, Melverley

An attractive, extremely spacious detached family house, having LP gas CH, uPVC DG, detached quad garage, summer house/cabin, magnificent gardens, paddock and wildlife area. The whole amounting in all to approx 1.8 acres or thereabouts. This wonderful property occupies a truly delightful rural position with magnificent views over adjoining countryside and is easily accessible to Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury. Magnificent reception hall, living room, sitting room/ dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, WC/cloaks, large landing, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £429,500 3608

Llanrhaeadr YM, Oswestry

A detached stone built period cottage dating back to the early 19th century with later extensions, creating a character but contemporary family home. Entrance hall, open plan sitting room/dining room leading into kitchen, snug with inglenook fireplace, small study, utility room and downstairs cloakroom. Primary staircase to master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further double bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom; secondary staircase to landing leading to further double bedroom. The property is set in three acres (TBC) with delightful open outlooks and has a range of outbuildings including stabling. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £420,000 3609

Babbinswood, Nr Ellesmere

An attractive farmhouse of great charm and character in need of some modernisation with great potential to form a first class family property, standing in good sized gardens with two paddocks adjacent to the garden, in all extending to approximately three acres. Hall, dining room, sitting room, farmhouse style kitchen, back kitchen/utility room, cloakroom, workshop/playroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en-suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3, bathroom, attic room 1/bedroom 4, attic room 2/bedroom 5. EPC Band: G

Guide Price: £395,000

Llangedwyn, Powys

An appealing detached stone country property in a magnificent rural location close to the Estate village of Llangedwyn. The property sits in approximately 1.12 acres (0.45 ha) of grounds which includes a small arboretum, lawns to the side and rear of the property, impressive courtyard with feature stone walls, arch and well. Hall, dining room, kitchen, snug, utility, drawing room, sun room, boot room/ gun room, bathroom/cloakroom, three bedroom, bedroom 4/study, en-suite bathroom, gallery, garage/store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £385,000

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful period property set in 1.75 acres of gardens, established vegetable plots and paddocks. Originally a small detached cottage, having been considerably extended to provide an extremely spacious family home. Occupying a rural position adjoining open countryside in a quiet location about 3/4 of a mile down a country lane yet easily accessible to the main road. Hall, main reception hall, family room/study, sitting room, very large kitchen/dining room, utility room, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms, office/bedroom 5, family bathroom. Brick & timber store sheds, Dutch barn, garage. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £379,950 3545

Arddleen, Llanymynech

An exceptionally spacious detached family bungalow, having oil CH, DG, extra large double garage, parking for numerous vehicles, very good sized gardens. It occupies a pleasant position in the village having a range of local amenities and is conveniently placed for access to Welshpool, Oswestry and Shrewsbury. It also enjoys rooftop views to the front towards Long Mountain. The well proportioned accommodation comprises; porch, large reception hall, superb living room, large dining room, farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study, rear hall, WC, very long inner hallway, four huge double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, very large family bathroom. EPC Rating: TBC

Guide Price: £375,000 3614

Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II Listed cottage with gardens to the front, rear and side, set on the outskirts of a delightful and popular village. Hall, dining room, snug/office, kitchen, utility/ cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. Ample parking, stone & slate workshop, brick & slate store, enclosed gardens. EPC Band: F. For further information contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £338,000 2856

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £325,000

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800's renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Vyrnwy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

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Guide Price: £219,000 3126

Four Crosses, Llanymynech

A large detached modern property, set in easily maintained gardens, offering spacious accommodation comprising; large through entrance hall, sitting room, large conservatory, dining room, eat in kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and family bathroom with separate shower. Oil CH, open fronted carport and easily positioned for local amenities and the towns of Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £169,050 2768

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/ dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £139,999 2941

Gobowen, Oswestry

A spacious leasehold three bedroom first floor flat having gas CH, partial uPVC DG, garden with shed and two official parking spaces.The property occupies a convenient position in the centre of Gobowen, having a range of amenities within short distance, It is accessible to the railway station and Oswestry and within short driving distance of Shrewsbury and Wrexham. Ground floor entrance hall with stairs to large first floor landing, delightful living room, modern well equipped kitchen/breakfast room, good size bathroom with WC and three bedrooms. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £115,000 3077

Middletown, Welshpool

An extremely well appointed and modern park home, only about one year old and having LP gas CH, uPVC DG, garden areas with shed, and communal parking. Entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and bathroom. Occupying a very pleasant and convenient position in the village of Middletown having a variety of local amenities, which is located midway between Welshpool and Shrewsbury.
INSPECTION RECOMMENDED

Guide Price: £68,000 2382

BUILDING PLOT

Church Road, Welshpool

An excellent opportunity to acquire a town centre building plot with outline planning consent to construct a dwelling, with parking and turning, and rear garden area. The plot provides the opportunity to create an individually designed dwelling within the town's conservation area within convenient walking distance of all the town centres amenities and facilities. For further details contact 01938 554499.

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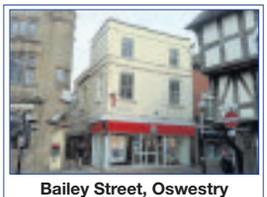

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- Double bedroom, bathroom
- EPC Rating: D
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- In a quiet village location close to Oswestry
- Hall, sitting room, kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom, two bedrooms
- Small garden, oil CH
- EPC Band: E
- Available now

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Maesbury Marsh, Oswestry

- A charming mid terrace property
- Situated in a quiet village location
- Sitting room, dining room, kitchen
- Two bedrooms, family bathroom
- Parking, small garden, oil CH
- EPC Band: E
- Available now

£400 pcm R0652

Crickheath, Oswestry

- A detached mature double fronted property
- Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen
- Small utility/boiler room, downstairs WC
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£140,000

Dolanog

NO CHAIN

A Grade II Listed detached country farm house set in approximately 1.5 acres. The accommodation comprises kitchen, pantry, two reception rooms, bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside the property boasts double garage, brick cow shed and a stone barn. The property is in need of renovation and provides a rare opportunity. EER - 'F'

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£209,950

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NEW HOME

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£177,500

Guilsfield

NEW HOME

A new build detached executive home on a select development, comprising dining kitchen, utility, three reception rooms, two ensuite bedrooms, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and enclosed garden backing on to open parkland.

£335,000

West Felton

NO CHAIN

A recently refurbished semi detached house situated within a popular village with easy access to the road network. The accommodation comprises modern breakfast kitchen, living room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, good sized enclosed rear garden

£112,950

Glyn Ceiriog

TO LET

A modern ground floor apartment situated within the centre of the village of Glyn Ceiriog, comprising open plan kitchen and living area with decked sitting area, two good sized bedrooms, bathroom and designated parking.

£450

Oswestry

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£525 pcm

Oswestry

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£435

Near Chirk

TO LET

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- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & adjoining Balcony
- 2 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Detached garage block with adjoining study and low maintenance gardens
- Gas fired central heating and ample off-road parking. EPC Rating D

MORDA Road Oswestry £625,000

NO CHAIN

- A rare opportunity to purchase an immaculately presented 6 bedroom executive family home standing within generous grounds extending to approximately 0.5 acre
- Constructed approximately 10 years ago and was finished to the highest of standards. With light and spacious rooms which are spread over 3 floors all accessed off a glazed atrium at the heart of the property
- Landscaped gardens with a large terrace area to the rear and a gated driveway providing security and off road parking, large Double Garage and Log Cabin. EPC Rating C

NEW

Rectory Terrace Welsh Frankton £150,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 4 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Standing in terraced gardens and grounds extending to 0.22 acre
- Stunning views over open countryside towards Rodney's Pillar
- Sun Room, Cloaks, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 4 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Externally a raised patio area takes full advantage of the views
- Formal gardens and vegetable plots. Oil C/H. D/G. EPC Rating E

Barber Close Oswestry £174,995

- A well appointed and deceptively spacious 4/5 Bedroom, 3 Storey Townhouse
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, well fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility Room, Study/Bedroom 5, Lounge
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom with 2 further large Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- A paved patio area to the rear and a lawned garden to the side
- Single garage and driveway, Gas C/H and uPVC D/G. EPC Rating B

NO CHAIN

Berwyn Villas Oswestry £99,995

- A well presented end-of-terrace cottage style property
- Oak stripped flooring to the hall, lounge and dining room
- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen

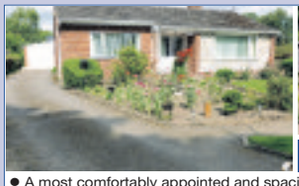
2 Excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom

- Off-street parking and good size south facing rear garden
- Double glazing gas fired central heatingEPC Rating E

NO CHAIN

Hengoed Nr Oswestry £435,000

- A beautifully presented & luxuriously appointed barn conversion with landscaped gardens
- Farmhse Kitchen with Oil Fired Aga range, adjoining Dining Rm & Utility
- Drawing Rm has glazed panels to 1 elevation with views & smaller Living Rm
- Master Bedroom, En-suite & Guest Bedrm, 3 Beds & Family Bathrm
- Large well stocked garden to front, large parking area & Dble Garage Block
- Enclosed Patio area with views across open countryside. EPC Rating F



The Wood Maesbrook £179,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Bungalow
- Situated in an idyllic rural position adjacent to open countryside
- Ent Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room. Double glazing
- Large garden with double garage, greenhouses and store sheds
- EPC Rating E

NO CHAIN

Lloyd Street Oswestry £154,950

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set in large gardens
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- 2 additional Store Rooms could be utilized for a host of future uses
- Large gardens to front & rear, Basement Integral Garage
- D/G, Gas C/H & cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D

December 5

Collective Property Auction

Lion Quays Hotel, Moreton, Oswestry, 2.00pm

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WREXHAM Acton — **LOT 1 Guide Price Over £90,000**

AUCTION

- Scope for modernisation
- Semi-detached in a cul-de-sac
- Comprises three bedrooms, kitchen, lounge/dining room and spacious bathroom
- Sunroom and conservatory
- Paved rear garden for easy maintainance

WREXHAM Rhostyllen — **LOT 2 Guide Price £5,000**

AUCTION

A rare opportunity to purchase a well located parcel of mixed woodland adjoining the popular Esless Park residential development. The woodland extends to around 1.125 hectares (approximately 2.77 acres).

Nr LLANGOLLEN Dolywern — **LOT 3 Guide Price Over £200,000**

AUCTION

- Impressive oak-clad 'converted barn' style residence
- Picturesque rural location
- On the banks of the River Ceiriog
- Comprises 2 separate dwellings
- Ground floor garaging with potential for further residential use subject to the neccessary planning consents
- EPC rating G and D

Nr LLANGOLLEN Dolywern — **LOT 4 Guide Price £65,000 to £75,000**

AUCTION

- Located in the picturesque Ceiriog Valley
- Part of a Conversion of the Former Mill
- Kitchen, Living Room, One Bedroom, Shower Room
- Courtyard and parking space for one vehicle
- EPC Rating 'G'

Nr LLANGOLLEN Dolywern — **LOT 5 Guide Price £75,000–£85,000**

AUCTION

- Spacious One Bedroom Apartment
- Located in the Ceiriog Valley
- Part of a Conversion of the Former Mill
- Entrance Hall, Open Plan Kitchen/Living/Dining Room
- One Bedroom, Shower Room
- Courtyard and parking space for one vehicle
- EPC Rating 'E'

WREXHAM Coedpoeth — **LOT 6 Guide Price Over £50,000**

AUCTION

A stone-built semi-detached village property with living room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The accommodation has planning permission for works of a two storey extension including the provision of a car port. The accommodation as existing has doubleglazing and gas fired central heating.

WREXHAM Coedpoeth — **LOT 7 Guide Price £35,000–£45,000**

AUCTION

A detached stone built former chapel having planning permission for demolition and replacement upon the site with a brand new four bedroom detached dwelling. The planning consent was granted by Wrexham County October 2013. Alternatively the property may be retained for a variety of potential uses.

WREXHAM Brymbo — **LOT 8 Guide Price Over £120,000**

AUCTION

- Detached Four Bed Property
- Large Workshop and Garage to ground floor
- Timber Outbuilding
- Ample Parking and Car port
- Viewing Recommended
- Energy Rating E

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6 Victoria Street, Oswestry

£119,950

- Mid terrace house close to town
- Double glazing and gas central heating
- 2 Receptions, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom
- Rear garden, external store and W.C
- Well maintained with retained original features
- Internal Inspection recommended
- NO CHAIN. Energy Efficiency Rating = 61

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1 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry

£172,500

- Detached House with single garage
- Corner plot. Gas C/H, D/Glazed
- With scope for modernisation
- Two receptions, kitchen, sun room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Energy efficiency rating = 53

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£115,000

- Extended Semi-Detached Village Cottage
- Lounge with open fireplace. Kitchen/Diner with woodburner
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- Refurbished throughout. NO CHAIN
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 38.

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Rhydyfelin, Llangynog, Nr Oswestry

£290,000

- Detached 3 bedroom former farmhouse
- Range of stone outbuildings
- Separate grazing paddock approx 1.5 acres
- Head of valley location, 1 1/2 miles from village
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 15.

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2 Bed End-Ter, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets (EER=69) .....**£460 pcm (£560 deposit)**
3 Bed Semi, Gas C/H, pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=45) .....**£550 pcm (£650 deposit)**

MORDA

2 Bed Flat, Gas C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets, (EER=61) .....**£425 pcm (£525 deposit)**

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2 Bed Flat, Gas C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=75) .....**£390 pcm (£490 deposit)**
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- Energy Efficiency Rating = 73

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9 Gungrog Hill, Welshpool

£149,950

- Detached Bungalow on outskirts of town
- Sitting/Dining, Conservatory. Kitchen/Breakfast
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom., Gas Heating
- Rear garden with open views. Garage
- Would benefit from some modern refitting
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 58

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4 Leg Street, Oswestry

Per Annum £5,600

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£109,000

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- Dining room
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- Garage & car parking
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- Elevated position overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

JJD781

£210,000

LLYNCLYS, NR. OSWESTRY

- UPVC D/G Electric Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Beds
- En-Suite Dressing Area
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JJD749

£274,500

OSWESTRY

Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD778

£349,950

OSWESTRY

- UPVCD/G GFCH
- Cloakroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- 5 Beds 2 En-suite
- 2 Bathrooms
- Detached Double Garage
- Corner Plot
- EPC Band C

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Offers in Region of £195,000

Middleton Road, Oswestry

A deceptively spacious and most comfortably appointed mature 3/4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a pleasant location within this traditional residential locality which is conveniently placed for local amenities. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, First Floor Landing, Three/Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-road parking, Garage, Gardens to front and rear. The property has the benefit of being sold with No Onward CHAIN. EPC RATING E.

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Balmoral Cres, Oswestry

5 bedr det family house comprises: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Garden Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, Study/Play Room, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Annexe Inner Hall: Bedroom 4/Sitting Room Ensuite&Kitchen which could be converted into a 5th Bedroom if required. EPC RATING D.

Offers in region of £199,950

Ball Lane, Maesbury

3 double bedroom detached riverside country home: Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, First Floor, 3 Double Bedrooms, Cloakroom, Oil Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Garage and Gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £225,000

Pool Quay, Welshpool

3 bed character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features and enjoys views over the countryside. The attached barn for conversion is available to purchase,. EPC RATING D

Price Guide £270,000

Treflach, Nr Oswestry

2 double bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location with Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £219,950

Berwyn Avenue, Chirk Bank

Enjoying a generous plot which lends itself to extension subject to the necessary consents, 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from a recently re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and garage. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £189,950

Heritage Way, Llanymynech

●●WITH CONSERVATORY●● A nicely presented and well planned modern detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this recently constructed development.,Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D.

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Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

A most deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom semi detached character cottage enjoying a pleasant edge of village location with generous elevated rear garden which enjoys most delightful roof top views over the village and hillside beyond. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING F.

Offers in Region of £157,950

Pool Quay, Nr Welshpool

A most delightfully situated three bedroom character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003 together with a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M97071) EPC RATING D

Price Guide £555,000

Onnen Gardens, Trefonen

Modern 4 bedroom executive detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within the sought after village of Trefonen, with Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Garage and Driveway, Gardens to front and rear. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £319,950

Moors Lane, St Martins

Period 3 storey residence which benefits from an extensive rear garden and detached barn with certificate of proposed lawful use or development for conversion to ancillary living accommodation which would provide annexe or residential/holiday let potential. Ample parking provision and Garage. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £295,000

Whitridge Way, Trefonen

4 bed detached house: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area & Ensuite, 3 Further Bedroom, Bathroom, DG, Oil Fired CH, Double Driveway & Garage, Gardens. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £285,000

Llanymynech

4 bedroom executive detached house which offers excellent family accommodation along with; Double Width Driveway, Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. LPG central heating system via radiators where stated, Double Glazing where stated. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

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Greenhill Bank, Criftins

4 bed detached house which enjoys a delightful rural position comprising: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, WC, First Floor, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Oil Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Car Port and Gardens EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £229,995

Campbell Close, Oswestry

3 bed detached comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, Majority PVC DG, Driveway and Further Gravel Area, gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £169,950

Whittington

Character semi detached cottage comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge with feature fireplace, Attractive Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Car Port, Parking and Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £169,950

Milars Field, Morda

3 bedroom semi detached property comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Cloakroom, First Floor, Master Bedroom Ensuite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, DG, Gardens and Parking. Remaining NHBC Guarantee. EPC RATING C

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Park Hall, Oswestry

4 bedroom detached family house: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor, Master Bedroom Ensuite, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, PVC DG, Gas Fired CH, Driveway, Garage, Studio/Gym, Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

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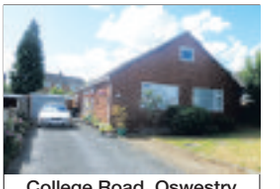
Roft Street, Oswestry

3 bed det Victorian town house sympathetically improved over the years by the present owners yet still retaining a wealth of character features within easy reach of the comprehensive range of local amenities the town has to offer. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £224,995



College Road, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant edge of town location, 4 bedroom detached dormer bungalow with; PVC Double Glazing and Gas Fired Central Heating where stated, Driveway, Garage, Workshop, Summerhouse and Storage Sheds, Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING D.

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Valley View, Dolywern

Character four bed semi detached cottage which offers flexible accommodation and is offered for sale with No onward Chain with Oil Fired Central Heating, Rear Courtyard. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

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St Martins Road, Gobowen

3 bed semi detached comprising; Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room, Walk In Pantry, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Attractive Gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £148,995

Wern, Weston Rhyn

A4 bedroom character detached family residence built circular 1803 which offers a wealth of character features with a separate Detached Garage which lends itself to conversion into a self contained apartment subject to the necessary consents. The property enjoys delightful mature gardens and grounds. EPC RATING E

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3 bedroom link detached bungalow.The property comprises: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Re-Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage with WC, EPC RATING D

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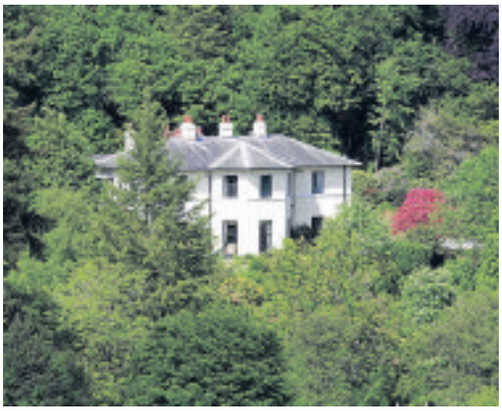

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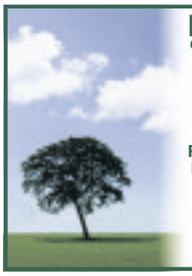

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FEMALE many interests, seeks male, 40-55 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408537**

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MATURE land owner, GSOH, youthful outlook, likes countryside, socialising, history, seeks lady who appreciates good food/conversation with view to relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408417**

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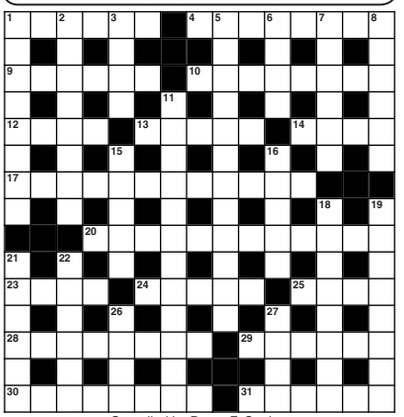

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First up on Waterstones fiction buyer Chris White's list of predictions is *Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy* by Helen Fielding (Jonathan Cape, £18.99), the third Bridget book, released 14 years after the last. With Darcy gone, our unlikely heroine's now a single mum of two meeting men online.

"Fans of the original books have not been, and will not be, disappointed," promises White.

Next, he suggests two autobiographies – *Alex Ferguson: My Autobiography* (Hodder & Stoughton, £25) and *Morrissey: Autobiography* (Penguin Classics, £8.99).

"It's the definitive autobiography by the man who dominated English and European football for over two decades," says White of the former. "It's the perfect gift for anybody with even a passing interest in the beautiful game."

Smiths frontman Morrissey's memoir has been published as a Penguin Classic, a privilege normally reserved for elite writers like Austen, Darwin and Orwell.

"This was the most anticipated music biography of all time," says White. "Moz's memoir is everything a fan could hope for – and quite a bit more."

In fiction, Ian Rankin's newest crime novel *Saints Of The Shadow Bible* (Orion Books, £18.99), featuring the author's infamous detective John Rebus, is also likely to be among the big sellers.

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Survey reveals gifts to avoid this Christmas

CHRISTMAS is fast approaching and everyone is getting into the festive mood but when it comes to unwrapping our presents on Christmas Day it seems we can be rather disappointed.

A new survey by **elliottrose.co.uk** has revealed the worst gifts received at Christmas time. The poll revealed unattractive socks as coming top of the worst gift list receiving just under a third of votes.

Cheap perfume came a close second taking almost a quarter, 23 per cent of votes for the most disappointing Christmas present received.

Unwanted

It seems we are also a nation who like to buy friends, family and partners household gadget gifts, however almost a fifth of those who took part in the study said they were disappointed when unwrapping a new pair of scales or a food blender which often ends up taking up space at the back of a cupboard.

The survey also revealed that six per cent of participants received unwanted fitness equipment that often never even gets used, instead they are left to gather dust or cast-off as a clothes horse instead.

Personalised hankies and executive stress relief toys are also in the top ten worst Christmas gift list, both receiving eight per cent of votes each.

The survey also reveals that Brits tend to like a tipple too much on Christmas Eve, two per cent of those surveyed stated waking up with a hangover on Christmas Day is the worst present of all.

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1, Unattractive socks; 29 per cent

2, Cheap perfume; 23 per cent

3, Personalised hankies 9 per cent

4, Executive stress toys; 8 per cent

5, Household gadgets: 8 per cent

6, Fitness equipment; 6 per cent

7, Gift cards for a shop; 6 per cent

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NEWS in brief

Writing day looks at Dymock Poets

PUBLISHING firm Offa's Press is running a poetry writing day on Saturday on the Dymock Poets Robert Frost and Edward Thomas.

Simon Fletcher will lead the workshop with Marion Cockin looking at how a small number of poets living around Dymock, on the Hereford/Gloucester border, just before the First World War, made writing poetry about the English countryside fresh and new.

Tickets cost £20 or £15 for concessions.

People should meet at Pant Memorial Hall near Oswestry, the session runs from 10am to 4pm.

The day includes a walk and a picnic.

To book go to **info@offaspress.co.uk** or ring (01691) 831463.

Santa to drop in at Christmas fair

A CHRISTMAS fair will be held in aid of St Mary's Church in Llanfair Caereinion on November 30.

The event is open to everyone and will be held at the town's Institute in Bridge Street from 2pm.

It will feature stalls selling cakes, produce, bottles, plants, toiletries, sweets, toys and bric-a-brac.

Father Christmas will also be in attendance meeting the children from 2.30pm.

Plans to open up shops to serve town neighbourhood

RESIDENTS living on the eastern side of Oswestry could soon have their own neighbourhood shops if approval is given to new plans.

An area was set aside several years ago by the now defunct Oswestry Borough Council for the development of local shops to serve the community.

Plans for three shops, along with flats above them, have now been lodged for the land off Cabin Lane in eastern Oswestry.

Applicants Dennis Edwards (Developments) Ltd carried out a survey on the land as long ago as 2006 to check there was no evidence of great crested newts as part of their proposals.

by Iain St John

That survey found there was no evidence, planning papers lodged with Shropshire Council say.

The papers add: "The site is designated in the Oswestry local plan as part of an area set aside for community facilities.

"This includes a community centre, which has already been constructed, a neighbourhood shop, this application, and a church site, which has already been constructed.

"The land was offered for sale by the Oswestry Borough Council for the specific purpose of developing a neighbourhood shop."

The papers say the site already benefits from previous planning consent for three shops and four flats and they add: "The building has been designed to meet the needs for a neighbourhood store and as such will be the only retail shop within the local neighbourhood."

The papers say the new shops will be near the Meadows Primary School and the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre.

They say: "The design will produce a landmark building which will contrast with the surrounding buildings in style and colour of materials to provide a clean, bright building with minimal future maintenance."

The proposal is currently out for public consultation. Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision by January 3.

New cultural feastival has raised £329

A COMMUNITY event organised by youngsters has helped boost a charity's coffers.

The inaugural Multi-Feastival in Oswestry, celebrating the town's cultural diversity, was held in Cae Glas Park in aid of the Charlotte Hartey Foundation.

Youngsters from the town helped organise the celebration which was themed around different cultural backgrounds with an emphasis on food and music.

Organisers said the event was an effort to raise awareness of equality and diversity.

It was organised independently by young members of the National Citizen Service (NCS) branch based in Oswestry, which is supported by Shropshire Council's positive activities team. They received support from the town's Fusion Arts Group.

The event raised £329.

Pupils get teeth into sub final

From left, Kate Pumphrey, 18, Laura Mercer and Sian Jones, both 17. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

A TEAM of pupils will find out soon if it has won a national competition to create a new sandwich range for food firm Subway.

Pupils at Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry, are in the final of the contest which asks young entrepreneurs to design and market a new six-inch sub, on the theme of "heartfeltsubs".

The team is made up of Sian Jones, Kate Pumphrey and Laura Mercer.

They produced a selection of subs – the Jack of All Flavours, four different subs to suit every taste called The Mega Club, Diamonds are Forever, Queen of Hearts and Ace of Spades.

The pupils now face a nerve-wracking *Dragons' Den*-style pitch to a panel of Subway brand experts at The Pavilion, Birmingham on Tuesday.

This year's competition received over 40 high calibre entries which have been whittled down to just six.

The finalists are competing for the chance to see their sub launched in Subway stores in the region in February, as well as winning £1,000 in Amazon vouchers.

Castle is getting in the mood for panto

A PANTOMIME with a difference will be held in Whittington this year – at the spot where one of the most popular stories of its kind reputedly began.

Whittington Castle is believed to be the place from which Dick Whittington left, together with his cat, to go and make his fortune in London.

Now staff and volunteers at the castle are to put on panto tours following the success of the ghost tours at the castle at Halloween.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said the audience will move around the castle and watch scenes from the panto Dick Whittington and his Cat.

She said: "They will follow the exploits of Dick as he travels to London and beyond."

Miss Ellis said the tours will take place on December 15 and 22 at noon and 2pm.

Young ramblers explored Chirk

SHROPSHIRE Young Ramblers explored the Chirk and Pentre area on Saturday during a new members walk.

The six-mile circular walk included woodland, lanes and Llangollen Canal, taking in two tunnels and the Chirk Aqueduct and finished with a visit to tea rooms in Chirk.

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Scheme can help to slash fuel bills

AN innovative scheme designed to help individuals slash their fuel costs over the winter is being introduced.

The wood briquettes scheme will see residents club together to order firewood for log burners, ranges and open fires, saving money on delivery charges and foregoing the need to cut the logs themselves.

Oswestry Woodfuel Cooperative has been set up by Ingrid Knowles, from Morda.

She said: "Many of us have started using more wood for heating now that gas and oil are becoming more expensive.

"However, the time and physical energy involved in shifting logs into the house every week can be too much for some due to lack of physical strength or time.

"Firewood briquettes are a good alternative to this as they can be tightly stacked so they take up less space than logs.

"We are in the process of forming a co-operative that provides its members with either smaller and bigger quantities of briquettes."

The scheme has been set up with **www.woodfuel.coop** and Miss Knowles said people can try the briquettes before joining the scheme.

Contact Miss Knowles at **iaknowles@gmail.com** or on (01691) 657223.

Charity urges people to make a life-changing gift

A LLANFYLLIN-based charity is urging people to ensure at least one of their gifts this Christmas really can be described as life-changing.

by Graham Breeze

Dolen Ffermio has been working in Eastern Uganda for more than 20 years to help communities lift themselves out of subsistence farming and poverty.

One of the ways the charity does this is by supporting an orphan project in the village of Ngora through running an annual Christmas gift catalogue.

The catalogue is not filled with usual Christmas fare such as slippers and toys, but with life-changing presents for the orphans.

These are gifts that will keep them in school, such as shoes to get them there, uniforms and stationery.

Other items include a mosquito net to protect against malaria.

And there are gifts to help develop sustainable livelihoods, such as a female goat, two turkeys, two chickens or a 5kg bag of maize seed.

Importantly, people can also pay for training so the youngsters can learn a wide variety of home crafts and income-generating skills.

Val Talbot, project co-ordinator, said: "These orphans do not go into orphanages in this part of Uganda but are cared for by members of their extended families, no matter how poor they are.

"Can you imagine what a struggle it is for these families to provide for their own children, let alone others?

"Yet they do this willingly and naturally. The gifts provided to the orphans not only help them, but the whole family.

"The way the project works is that up to 40 children are chosen each year from the poorest of the poor and provided with the whole support package for their first year. In the second year they are given uniforms, shoes and stationery and another year's skills training. After this, their families should be self-supporting.

"Please take a look at the Dolen Ffermio Christmas catalogue on our website **www.dolen-ffermio.org.uk**"

For further information contact Val Talbot by calling (01691) 791310 or e-mailing **val@daval.demon.co.uk**

Call for better health screening for teens

Chris and Sue Dewhirst, of St Martins, want teenagers to receive better health screening. ***Picture: Laura Dutfield.***

A MOTHER whose teenage son died from an undiagnosed heart complaint has taken her campaign for better health screening to the House of Commons.

Sue Dewhirst, from St Martins, was invited to attend a reception hosted at Westminster by the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) yesterday (Wednesday).

Mrs Dewhirst is now the charity's official representative for Shropshire after becoming involved in the group's work following the tragic loss of her 17-year-old son Matthew.

Rugby fan Matthew died from an undiagnosed heart condition last year after a fitness training session.

CRY has been campaigning for better health screening at schools, colleges and by sports teams so heart conditions can be picked up before it is too late.

Mrs Dewhirst said: "We are still needing to raise awareness and I have started doing assembly talks to students so they become aware, and also to make them realise how important it is that they learn CPR in school, as this reduces the death risk by 50 per cent."

Councillors are keen for talks on hillfort

PARISH councillors want to take part in key talks with English Heritage over controversial housing plans at the foot of Oswestry's ancient Iron Age hillfort.

Although the homes would be built in the parish of Oswestry Town Council, the hillfort itself is in the parish of Selattyn and Gobowen.

Representatives from the parish council attended a public consultation day organised by Oswestry Town Council last month.

English Heritage did not attend and a meeting has now been arranged between the group and Oswestry Town Council next month.

Members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council have said they should also be represented at the talks.

Parish councillor Erica Morgan attended last month's consultation.

She said: "English Heritage are managers of the site and we did not have their input at all.

"We really did not get the information we needed."

Parish councillor John Davies said it was important Gobowen councillors took part in the English Heritage meeting next month.

Fellow councillors agreed with his request that the parish council should formally ask Oswestry Town Council for an invitation to the English Heritage talks.

Movement centre founder steps down after 17 years

THE founder of a charity in Shropshire which has helped treat hundreds of children with disabilities or movement problems has stepped down – 17 years after the centre opened.

Dr Penny Butler, founder of the Movement Centre at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, will no longer work directly with children but will remain at the charity on a part-time research and teaching basis.

Pauline Holbrook, clinical lead at the centre, has taken over the clinical aspect of Dr Butler's work. She said: "Penny's work over the last 17 years has been truly remarkable. So too has been her dedication to helping children with movement control problems.

"Over 500 children have been helped by the Movement Centre through a course of targeted training.

"Children with cerebral palsy have learnt to control of their movements enabling them to gain essential functional skills such as head control, independent sitting, standing or walking.

"As an example, four-year-old Corey has been having targeted training since May last year. When he first came for his assessment, Corey had no head control and his head was very tightly tucked into his chest.

"Corey is now part way through his second course and not only has he gained head control but he can sit by himself, too. This has exceeded all expectations.

"It was difficult to see Corey's face before and he certainly could not see and communicate with the world around him. Now he is a visibly happy little boy who can look around and interact with people in his life."

Dr Butler qualified as a chartered physiotherapist in 1973 and worked with the orthopaedic hospital for many years, carrying out research via the Institute of Orthopaedics.

Her work led to the formulation of targeted training – a treatment plan for children with movement control difficulties such as in cerebral palsy.

by Pam Griffin

Dr Penny Butler, right, founder of The Movement Centre at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital, is presented with flowers by Pauline Holbrook, clinical lead at the centre.

Advice to help cut costs of medicine

PATIENTS suffering from chronic medical conditions could save cash with a prescription "season ticket", says an Oswestry pharmacist.

John Gentle, superintendent pharmacist at the Pharmacy @ Caxton in Oswestry, said it could prove much cheaper for people not automatically exempt from paying for their prescriptions to take advantage of the prepayment certificate.

Currently people with a number of conditions, including epilepsy and diabetes, do not have to pay for medicines.

But those who do not come under the exemptions have to pay £7.85 for each prescription item.

Mr Gentle said: "The cost of medical prescriptions can mount up if people need a lot of medication. This is especially so for people with chronic medical conditions, who may have to have several prescriptions a month.

"Some of them are exempt from paying for their medicines so don't need to worry about the cost. However, a number of people, including asthmatics who may need to take medicines regularly, are faced with regular costs."

Mr Gentle said one way people can offset some of the costs and save money is to buy a prescription prepayment certificate.

Objection to wind turbine

RIGHTS of way officers have objected to plans for a 50ft high wind turbine in the Oswestry countryside – over fears it might "spook" horses using a nearby bridleway.

The officers say the building of the 500kw turbine close to West Felton, which would have a tip height of 77 metres, would make the bridleway unusable.

Energy firm York Green Renewables has lodged the application with Shropshire Council for land at Wigmarsh Poultry Farm at Holly Lodge, West Felton.

But an objection has been made against the application by Shropshire Council rights of way officer Mat Stephens.

He says: "The primary danger would be from 'spooking' which would be specific to equestrians but as the proposed turbine would be within fall-over distance of the right of way there would also be a potential danger from structural failure and/or collapse that would have the potential to affect all users." Shropshire Council hopes to decide the application by December 20.

Paterson in battle over fire stations

RURAL fire stations must not be closed to meet cost-saving targets, Environment Secretary Owen Paterson has insisted.

The North Shropshire MP pledged to do all he could to save fire stations in Prees, Baschurch, Clun and Hodnet, which are all facing the axe as part of plans to cut £1.9m from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's budget.

Mr Paterson said: "The thing that's really bad about this is that it will be a major degradation on the service all around Shropshire. These four stations cannot be shut, let's be clear about that. We seem to be battling a metropolitan, urban authority that doesn't understand the service in a rural area."

John Redmond, chief fire officer for Shropshire, said if stations or fire engines were cut the service in rural areas would suffer. He said: "If the outcomes of these cuts are as dramatic as we think they are going to be, we will have a worse service.

"We are acutely aware of the depth of feeling here, this is not something we are taking lightly. Nothing has been decided yet, what we're talking about here is an impact assessment not a consultation on shutting the fire station."

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Concert promises to melt away those winter blues

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

MELT away those winter blues this Friday as the brilliant Blues Boy Dan returns to the Royal Oak, Welshpool.

Gifted with a blues voice well beyond his years, he is probably the most promising musician to emerge from the blues scene in recent years.

If you haven't heard him before then get ready to be amazed as he channels blues greats such as Howlin Wolf, Leadbelly and John Lee Hooker.

Needing nothing more than his acoustic guitar and the odd bit of harmonica to accompany him, he'll quickly have you tapping your foot along to the music.

You can expect plenty of blues classics as well as a few original songs thrown in for good measure.

If you like the blues or just enjoy good music then make sure you don't miss this one. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Continuing with The Willow Gallery's season of live music, the unique sounding Songdog will be performing at the venue on Friday night.

The brainchild of frontman and award-winning playwright Lyndon Morgans, Songdog strips folk music back to its core while covering topics of love, life and loss.

The band has performing at festivals across the world.

Musicwise the band have a fairly minimalist approach giving room for Morgan's thought-provoking lyrics. The gig is at 7pm with tickets at £7.

Blues Boy Dan at The Royal Oak.

The Lowefield Inn, Marton, will have music from singer songwriter Joe Seager on Friday night.

A seasoned musician he's played at venues across the UK and is well known for being a consummate professional.

Referring to himself as a "one man band", Joe plays a diverse range of covers both old and new, ranging from Led Zeppelin to Coldplay. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

Friday also marks the return of the Beehouse Open Mic to The Old New Inn, Llanfyllin.

The event is being run by Beehouse Recording Studios who help out artists throughout Shropshire.

Anyone is welcome to join in. It starts at 8pm and is free entry.

Wednesdays bar, Oswestry, will have music from pianist Dereck Harrison on Friday night. It's free entry and starts at 9pm.

If you're looking for something a little different, Oswestry Sinfonia will be holding its annual autumn concert at the Holy Trinity Church on Saturday.

Led by conductor Richard Adamson the event is being titled *A Scandinavian Odyssey*.

The evening will begin with a recital of Sibelius' epic tone poem *Finlandia*, and will be followed up with performances of Two *Peer Gynt* Suites by Norwegian composer Grieg.

The second half of the concert will cover Sibelius' acclaimed 2nd Symphony. The concert is at 7.30pm tickets are £8 for adults, free for students. Tickets on the door, from members of the orchestra or the Heritage Centre.

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Listen to those chilling night sounds long after Halloween

ON THE WILD SIDE

by Ben Waddams

DESPITE my once listening to the spiel of a rather silly priest who insisted that we should all smash up the pumpkins of our children lest they might be worshipping the Devil, most sensible people take Halloween with a pinch of salt and a good sense of humour.

I know, I know, Halloween is celebrated in October and we are currently entering December….bear with me. Halloween is a rather daft festival of the supernatural full of wailing ghouls and screaming ghosts and yet if this event was celebrated in December, there may well be a truth and reality behind those chilling sounds uttered at night.

December is when foxes seriously flaunt it. Due to the early nights and recent bright moons, it's been my pleasure to take the dog for a night time walk through the fields of my North Shropshire home. Occasionally I happily come across a tawny owl calling or a little owl 'ke-wick'ing. I tell you, emanating out of the darkness at an unexpected time, it's enough to make the hairs stand up on your back for an instant. But the sounds of foxes at this time are on a whole other level.

It is this month that red foxes mate and in their search for a member of the opposite sex, both males and females (a dog and vixen) can be heard with alarming clarity on clear, dark nights. Foxes are of course just wild dogs and yet perhaps the most common characteristic attributed to domestic dogs is their bark. Many people refer to this as a bow-wow. Now I don't know about you/yours but Rupert has never bow-wowed!

However dog foxes really bow-wow and it's an oddly primeval sound. Goodness knows what our own pet dogs make of it.

But it is the vixen's call that evokes the greatest reaction. A human-like scream of terrible sorrow and agony arising from the blackness of night. It truly is a one-woman horror show. And yet in reality it is simply her way of exclaiming 'I'm here'.

And it's not just the sounds of foxes that bring our attention to them at this time of the year. The scent of the male is particularly pungent and odiferous. As he becomes more territorial, he will mark his land with that sweet scent akin to violets (on a good day).

But why all the effort from both sexes? Well the vixen will only be receptive for two or three days during this period so it is very important that everyone knows who's who, where they all are and what state they're in and it is the answers to all of these that can be gleaned from all of the above.

If you're very lucky you might actually see the coupling of two foxes. If this is the case, make a note of the date and then count 53 days on. This will be the birthday of the cubs, born safely and snuggly underground. That is of course still some time off so until then we'll just have to put up with the 'late Halloween' noises at night, this time without any pumpkins.

See 'The Den in Spring' in Callaghan's Fine Paintings, St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury.

***The Den in Spring* by Ben Waddams**

Charity in appeal for help with collection

MARIE Curie Cancer Care is looking for volunteers to help with charity collections in the run up to Christmas.

Fundraiser Judy Breese said: "Marie Curie provides nurses to care for people who wish to spend their final days at home, with friends and family. We really need as much support as possible to help make a difficult time easier for others.

"We would love to hear from you if you could spare an hour or two to help raise funds for this completely free service."

The charity will also be taking a collection on Friday and Saturday at Morrisons in Oswestry and a street collection in the town on December 21.

To volunteer contact Judy on (01691) 671549 or email **timzjudy@aol.com**

Work starts on 14 new homes

BUILDING work has started on 14 new affordable homes at Oswestry's former tax offices.

The homes being built on the site at Middleton Road will be available for local people to rent through the Wrekin Housing Trust.

The scheme includes eight two-bedroom houses and six two-bedroom bungalows.

MP's call to equip people on warfarin

SELF-monitoring devices for people on long-term warfarin should be available on prescription, an MP said.

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, said the Government should make International Normalised Ratio (INR) self-monitoring devices available on prescription.

A meeting in London heard how many people on long-term warfarin got conflicting, misguided or incorrect information or advice from GPs or their Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mr Davies said: "It really is a win-win situation; a win for the NHS as it will help them to reduce potentially life threatening numbers of strokes and save money, and a win for the patient as it increases their independence and encourages empowerment to control their health condition."

Police back plea from Stonewall

POLICE across Powys are backing a campaign to challenge the everyday use of homophobic language.

The campaign, launched by gay rights group Stonewall, is trying to change the usage of phrases such as 'you're so gay' and 'that's so gay', which can be upsetting to lesbian, gay and bisexual young people.

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Children help to boosts 3 charities

THREE charities have received cash boosts thanks to the efforts of young bookworms.

The cash was raised by the children of Packwood Acorns, the pre-prep department of Packwood Haugh School in Ruyton-XI-Towns.

The children were sponsored to read or listen to as many stories as they could and, as part of their book-themed activities, they also had a second hand book sale.

The youngsters even had a reading session while having swimming lessons.

Head of Packwood Acorns, Emma Middlemiss, said: "The book sale was hugely popular.

"The children brought in books of their own and we also received donations from friends, family and members of staff which meant there was a great choice for the children.

"The books were snapped up in no time."

The combined proceeds from the book sale and the sponsorship came to a grand total of £360 which will be divided between three charities devoted to raising funds to help seriously ill children.

These are the UK's leading cancer charity for young people, CLIC Sargeant, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, and ReadWell which provides books and storytellers for children in hospital.

Family fun at press ball

by Toby Neal

THEY weren't gatecrashers, but they were certainly a significant presence at the Shropshire Press Ball of 1953 – they were what you might call the "Oswestry contingent".

Because quite a few enjoying the revelry on that night of February 13 had their roots in the Oswestry printing industry.

And now we can pinpoint at least some of them in the crowd thanks to Mrs Sue Overy, nee Morgan. Although she was herself Shrewsbury born and bred, her family background is from Oswestry.

Incidentally a number of the crowd are looking at a spoof newspaper produced specially for the night called "The Sloppian".

If you look very carefully, you can see one of the newspaper sellers, clad in black, a little left of centre.

Sue said: "When I saw the photo I thought 'gosh, that's my aunt . . . that's my mother . . . that's my cousin . . . that's my other aunt.'"

Her cousin Bette Davies is at the bottom of the photo, centre, in what looks like a dark cape, and seems to be wearing dark gloves.

"Her father was my mother's brother. She was from Oswestry,and her connection with the ball was her father, Norman Davies," said Sue.

"The family come from Oswestry originally. They were all born in Oswestry."

Slightly blurred, Norman Davies is in front of her, at the very bottom of the picture, looking away.

She added: "He worked for the printing company in Oswestry which published the *Border Counties Advertizer* and *Mid Week Advertizer*. My grandfather Fred Davies was in charge of the print works in Oswestry, Woodall, Minshall, Thomas & Company. Norman Davies, his son, worked for over 30 years on the production side. He was a printer. Bette is still alive. She is 81 this year and lives in Horsham now.

"She married a guy called Richard Swan, a lecturer at Walford. Although her name was Elizabeth she was always called Bette.

"My mum and dad, and also my uncle and aunt, lived in Bishop Street, Shrewsbury. Bette worked for the Royal Insurance Company and in the week she would live with my mum and dad and would go back to Oswestry at the weekends."

Nearest the camera, right of centre, with a dark dress with bare arms is Lily Davies, Norman's wife, and behind Lily, and just in front of a woman who is looking down reading the paper, is Sue's mother, Mrs Amy Morgan, nee Davies.

The tall man behind Bette and wearing glasses is Murray Ratcliffe.

"At the time he was Bette's boyfriend. He was local to Shrewsbury. I think he moved to North Wales," said Mrs Overy.

Then at the 11 o'clock position in relation to Murray, looking down, is Mrs Dorothy Davies. "She was 'Aunty Dot'. She wrote a ladies' column in the *Mid Week Advertizer*. She ran a women's page and children's page. She lived in Bishop Street," recalled Sue. She said there were two men missing in the photo – her father, Ray Morgan, and also Ray Davies, husband of Dorothy and brother of Amy and Norman.

"Ray Davies was an associate editor at the *Advertizer*," she said.

Ray died in 1997, aged 88, and his obituary said he was editor of the former *Shrewsbury Advertiser* and when this merged with the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* he was editor of the *Mid Week Chronicle*. Five years before he died he had lost his leg when he was struck by a lorry.

Hold the front page.. at the Shropshire Press Ball back in the 50s.

Historian to share tales of the river

THE next meeting of the Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group is on December 13 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm when Idris Evans will speak on Treasures of the River Dee.

A speaker, historian and member of Llangollen Historical Society, Idris Evans has written Hard Road to London about the cattle drovers of North Wales. His latest book Funny How You Forget records his memories of a rural upbringing in North Wales and the many changes that have taken place.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

Full details the group's lectures are available at Oswestry Library and **www.pastcaring.com/OBHAG** which also features a gallery of photographs.

For details of membership contact the membership secretary on 01691 690184.

Gallery to host Christmas fair

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Snow forecast? The 2008 could be affordable answer

Drive time with Graham Breeze

JUST a few months after being impressed on the launch of the Peugeot 2008, I took another look and again came away with a good feeling about this new arrival.

On test was the 2008 Feeline 1.6 e-HDi 115 version and I was so taken with the option I have already recommended it to a relative looking to buy.

This 2008 is a real money saving alternative for those seeking the assurance of four wheel drive performance because it comes completes with Peugeot's superb new "grip control" as standard.

This system optimises traction in poor grip conditions and puts this crossover into a different league when combined with the 165mm ground clearance and advanced traction control.

The system works because grip control transfers torque to the tyre with the most grip in a scrabbling manner allowing the 2008 to even negotiate a ski slope. It comes as standard with Allure and Feline trims, or is a £300 extra on lower-spec models.

The SUV crossover currently occupies less than seven per cent of the European B-segment but this is just the type of vehicle to see sales spiral upwards.

If you need lots of room in the rear, the 2008 certainly fits the bill

There are four badge levels, eight colours and a range of engines

Peugeot's grip control gives added security

The challenge to all producers in this sector is to provide something distinctive and Peugeot have got things just right. Not only does the 2008 have the cutting edge with the new "grip" system but it also has winning looks too.

Inside Peugot has developed a new look too with the fascia capping covered in a silky material and a brilliant aircraft style handbrake situated close to the easy-to-handle grip control system.

The 2008 shares 67 per cent of its underbody with the 208 hatchback but has longer body overhangs. It's 200mm longer, 96mm taller and 25mm as well as 162mm more ground clearance. If you are a driver needing lots of rear room then the 2008 should be on your radar. While the rear seating isn't the most comfortable in the sector everything folds completely flat to offer 1,194 litres of space.

Standard

All versions get ESP as well as anti-skid, stability control, emergency braking and electronic brakeforce distribution. All round air bags are standard.

There are four badge levels, Access, Active, Allure and Feline, a choice of eight colours and a comprehensive range of petrol, diesel and e-HDi engines.

The 1.6e-HDi 115 Feline had a top speed of 117mph and 0-62mph in 10.4 seconds and a stop-start system.

Running costs are low, emissions are impressive at just 106g/km and there are remarkable fuel consumption figures of 70.6mpg on the combined cycle.

Many models in the B-sector demonstrate a lot of body roll on the open road and the Peugeot is no exception but things weren't as bad as expected.

For a crossover the 2008 was actually fun to drive with a comfortable driving position and plenty of steering wheel height and reach adjustment.

For those needing the security of being able to cope with the snow or tricky conditions without the cost of four wheel drive this Peugeot may be the answer.

Bumper to bumper

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Jason King, of Jolly Good Van Hire, says it is important to be prepared for winter

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Big field out for Founders Shield

MORE Than 70 members competed in Henlle Park's popular Founders Shield Shot Gun competition on a dr sunny day.

Jon Williams, Dave Hughes and George Hughes took the honours with Sylvia Pritchard, Glyn Williams & Russell Owens runners-up, Paul Haycock, Kevin Finn-Bellingham & Grant Struggles third, and Sara Meehan, Ian Fort and Al Brown fourth.

Members thanked Jeff and Kathy Evans for organising and donating prizes for this yearly fixture.

This event was followed by a Trophy Presentation where winners of competitions throughout this year were presented with respective Cups and Shields.

The winners were: George Hughes (Individual Winter Knockout), Ian Fort (Individual Summer Knockout), Mel Shelton (Ladies Summer Knockout), Gareth Edwards and Matt Evans (Mens Pairs Summer Knockout). Sylvia Pritchard and Glyn Williams (Mixed Pairs Knockout), Terry Dodd (Kelloggs Trophy), George Hughes and Stuart Heathcock (Osman Cup), Carl Thomas and Ken Wynn (Lomax Shield).

Founders Shield winners, from left, George Hughes, Dave Hughes, Kathy Evans and Jeff Evans, who donated the prizes, and Jon Williams.

Hafren host top cyclo-cross event

HAFREN Cycling Club, based in Newtown and Welshpool, hosted 's its first national race with round seven of the Welsh cyclo-cross League.

The event, on Sunday, November 17, was at Trehafren Fields in Newtown.

More than 180 riders took to the start line over the five races with 95 competing in the main race.

Hafren CC's chairman Nick Huband said:"To have over 80 riders in the under 8, 10, 12 and the youth race just goes to show how popular the sport is becoming, especially at the grass roots level."

The Hafren club had a strong showing in the event with Max Bufton taking 7th out of 21 riders in the under 8 race.

The result ensures he maintains his top 10 position in the overall standing out of over 70 riders. In the youth race, Freddie Jones-Hoare put in a battling performance in his first race placing him 23rd overall.

In the main race, 13 Hafren riders lined up in the 95 strong field which included the eventual winner Tim Davies, who was born in Welshpool and once rode with the Hafren club.

Whilst competing in the Welsh cyclo-cross league, Tim's career highlights include representing Wales in the Junior Tour of Ireland in 1983 as well as on the track in the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1987.

He also went on to win the British National Mountain Bike Championship and in 1991 he came 7th in the World Mountain Bike Championships in Italy as well as representing Great Britain in the World Cyclo-Cross Championships. Tim said after the race:"The Hafren Club has put on a fantastic event with a course which would rival many national races I have competed in. It had a bit of everything to make the racing really interesting and I am looking forward to heading back to compete next year"

Top Hafren CC rider Chris Roberts put in another strong performance to claim a top 20 finish with Darren Jarman second to cross the line in 32nd place.

George Coe was the 3rd placed host rider to finish in 51st place. Hot on his wheels were the remaining HCC contingent of Paul Bufton, Graham Harris, Bryn Davies, Glyn Jones, Des Pugh, Mark Hill, Carl Spencer, Mark Riden, Nick Huband and Tony Brooks.

Morda see title push hit with a 4-0 defeat

AFTER staking their title claims in the Mercian Regional League premier division with a five goal beating of then leaders Telford Juniors, Morda United were brought down to earth with a 4-0 reverse at Oakengates.

Goals from Alex Devey, Liam Brant, Matty Elsmore and Neil Jones gave Oakengates the spoils despite playing almost the entire second half with 10 men after having Ayden Smith red carded for pulling back Paule Bache.

Frustratingly, manager Craig Rogers was forced to make wholesale changes to the side that knocked league leaders Telford Juniors off the top of the table the previous week.

After Morda thought they had taken the lead when Bache's header appeared to cross the line, Devey put the home side ahead on 20 minutes following some sloppy play from the visitors and Blunt got Athletic's second on 36 minutes from a corner.

Morda were given hope when the hosts were reduced to 10 men straight after the break, but were unable to capitalise on several promising positions on the heavy pitch.

Stung by the defeat, Morda bid to bounce back in Saturday's derby at home to local rivals WESTON RHYN whose clash at Madeley was postponed due to an unfit pitch.

Rhyn, managed by former Morda player and reserve team manager Matt Owen, are currently two places and two points below their hosts who have a game in hand.

League tables

Welshpool Dominoes League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Sun Inn	11	9	2	52	25
Cock P/A	9	6	3	38	25
Cock A	9	5	4	35	28
Powis Arms P/Q	10	5	5	34	36
G/Dragon Butt B	9	5	4	33	30
Pinewood C	9	5	4	33	30
Social Club	10	4	6	31	39
Pinewood A	9	4	5	30	33
Waterloo	9	5	4	28	35
Celts	9	3	6	27	36
G/Dragon Butt A	9	3	6	27	36
Compasses	9	3	6	24	39

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Talbot	9	8	1	46	17
Westwood Wand	10	7	3	42	28
Bowling Club	9	6	3	38	25
Breidden	9	6	3	38	25
The Real Railway	9	6	3	37	26
Pinewood Dragons	9	5	4	35	28
Kings Head	10	5	5	34	36
Westwood	10	4	6	32	38
Angel	10	4	6	31	39
Muriels Bunch	9	3	6	25	38
RAF Boys	9	1	8	18	45
Wellington	9	1	8	16	47

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Penybont Inn	8	5	1	2	28	20	11
Horseshoes	7	4	1	2	24	18	9
Plas Yn Dinas	8	3	2	3	25	23	8
Top White Lion	8	2	4	2	23	25	8
Station	7	2	3	2	23	19	7
Bradford Arms	7	3	1	3	21	21	7
Black Lion A	7	3	0	4	22	20	6
White Lion	7	1	4	2	20	22	6
Railway Tavern	7	2	1	4	18	24	5
White Lion	6	1	3	2	17	19	5
Black Horse	8	1	2	5	16	32	4
Barley Mow	7	1	0	6	10	32	2

Welshpool score three tries but still crash to heavy loss

BATTLING Welshpool crossed for three tries in a spirited display – but fell to a 35-17 defeat at Llangollen to remain in the lower reaches of rugby's Swalec League division three (north).

The Maesydre side had trailed just 13-12 at the break, but ended with little show for their efforts as the hosts showed strong defence and clinical finishing in the second half.

In a game that saw uncontested scrums due to Llangollen's lack of numbers, it was nip and tuck in the first half with prop Ben Astley and No8 Tom Worthy both going over for Pool tries, with centre Andrew Thomas adding a conversion.

Trailing by just one point and with the slope in their favour in the second half, Welshpool fancied the chances but the game was disrupted with visiting fly half Dylan Walton yellow carded as were two of the home players.However, despite being down to 13 men, Llangollen crossed the line and went on to score 20 points in the second half to take a grip of the game.

Pool had plenty of possession but were met by stern defence, and it was the home side who were more ruthless in taking their chances.

The visitors did grab a third try when winger Andrew Frost touched down after a kick ahead, but their efforts were to no avail as they prepare for a tricky trip to Shotton Steel in the Swalec Bowl on Saturday.

Welshpool's second string notched a 36-25 against their Colwyn Bay counterparts in the North East Counties League division three.

Meanwhile COBRA were handed a tough lesson as they succumbed 50-8 at a strong Pwllheli in the Swalec League division one (north).

Short of several key players, including scrum half Alwyn Williams and No8 Aled Davies with a broken hand and wrist respectively, it was always going to prove a tough test for the Meifod side.

And so it proved as they ended up well beaten, although they were in the hunt at 16-3 down at half time, with the home side capitalising on a couple of mistakes to run in two tries while Rhodri Davies replied with a penalty.

However, after the break Pwllheli surged clear as their lively backs showed some clinical finishing, with the one consolation for COBRA coming with a try from second row Bryn Edwards.

The Llanfair Caereinion side have no league game on Saturday, but were home to Dolgellau in the North Wales Cup in midweek. Their next league outing is at Caernarfon on Saturday, December 7.

RUGBY

by John Bridgwater

More away day misery as Eagles are badly beaten

OSWESTRY'S struggles on the road continued with a lacklustre performance as they fell to a 46-0 defeat against a big Ormskirk side in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

The game got off to a terrible start for the Eagles with Ormskirk spreading the ball wide from the kick off, with their winger showing good pace to score.

A stern talking to by captain Andy Smith led to an improvement in performance, with winger Nick Howland bundling his opposite man into touch to prevent what looked like a certain try.

Sadly, it didn't continue for long with Ormskirk charging through poor tackling by the Eagles for another three tries, and received a further blow as flanker Tyler Morris had to leave the park with a nasty injury, replaced by Jim Dilks.

Finally, Oswestry woke up, beginning to compete with the home side.

A period of sustained pressure in the Ormskirk 22 was not capitalised upon as they turned the ball over and booted downfield. Quick hands from a scrum then saw the home side score another.

Soon afterward, they looked set for yet another after going down the blind side from a ruck, but with the line at their winger's mercy, a superb tackle by full-back Luca Owen-Youens prevented what looked like a certain try.

Spurred on by this, the Eagles again applied pressure deep in the Ormskirk half, with centre Tom Keaveney carrying well, but his hard work went to waste as the visitors once more lost the ball in a ruck and the pressure was let off.

More strong words by head coach Gaz Barrett at half time led to another improvement from the Eagles, with some good tackles and more phases of play

But it was not to last, and Ormskirk looked set for another try after bursting through tackles, and with a two on one, were again denied by another great tackle by Owen-Youens, dislodging the ball from the attacking centre's grip.

However, Ormskirk earned a lineout deep in the Oswestry half soon after, and set up a driving maul for another try.

Travels

Flanker Graham Fox was harshly yellow carded soon after for slowing the ball down in a ruck, and the Eagles conceded another try whilst down to 14 men, and also conceded another one following his return to the field.

However, the last 10 minutes saw a slight improvement in their performance, but it was far too late.

Oswestry will look to improve their away performances after four losses in a row on their travels, albeit against four of the top five teams, and only one draw from all of their away games this season.

On Saturday, they host Orrell and will hope to get back to winning ways after their recent poor run.

English Clubs Championships

SOUTH LANCS/CHESHIRE 2

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Manchester Medics	12	11	0	1	10	54
L'pool Collegiate	12	11	0	1	9	53
Bowdon	12	10	0	2	9	49
Ormskirk	11	9	1	1	5	43
Southport	12	8	0	4	4	31
Vagabonds	12	6	0	6	6	30
Oswestry	12	5	1	6	6	28
Port Sunlight	12	5	1	6	6	28
Moore	12	4	1	7	8	26
Orrell	12	4	0	8	6	22
Marple	12	3	0	9	4	16
Dukinfield	12	2	2	8	3	15
Ramsey	12	2	0	10	1	9
Wallasey	11	0	0	11	2	-8

COBRA forwards battle for the ball as they crashed to a heavy defeat at Pwllheli

Competition is fierce for golf prizes

CHRISTMAS competition number 4 at Oswestry Golf Club saw 13 teams entered in a better ball stableford.

The winning team was P Huxley(13.2), David Thomas(4.3), OliverHughes (2.1) and Ian Bowe (14.5) 115.

They were followed by F Mottram (11.2), D James (6.6) and S Hughes (7.4), S Griffiths (+0.1)with 114.

The Four Ball Better Ball Medal was won by Lee Anslow and K Tudor (guest) 61. Second wasMark Evans and Gareth Huxley 64 and third, also on countback, was Chris Male & Steve Gale 64.

Fourth placed were Mick Dickens and Merfyn Williams with 64 and fifth was D J Evans and Ian Pearce 65 on countback from M Nettleton and Frank Mottram 65.

The Mens November Winter Open was won by Keith Bowler and Tony Overton (Worfield) 42 points on countback from , Richard Mottram and Richie Mottram (Runcorn) also 42 points.

Third were T Johnson and W Sheridan (Vicars Cross) with 40 points.

League tables

Shropshire Chess League

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Telepost B	5	4	0	1	16	8
Shrewsbury B	5	3	1	1	15.5	7
Ludlow A	5	3	0	2	14.5	6
Oswestry A	4	2	1	1	10.5	5
Newport B	4	1	2	1	9.5	4
Wellington B	5	1	1	3	11	3
Telford B	3	1	1	1	8	3
Telepost C	5	0	0	5	5	0

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Condover & CS B	6	4	1	1	15.5	9
Newport C	6	4	1	1	14	9
Shrewsbury C	6	3	2	1	14.5	8
Telford C	5	4	0	1	14	8
Oswestry B	6	3	0	3	12	6
Priorslee Lions C	6	2	1	3	12.5	5
Telepost D	6	0	1	5	7	1
Newport Juniors	5	0	0	5	1.5	0

Tennis club's teams facing desperate relegation fight

OSWESTRY'S Tennis Club's first mixed team managed to get a couple more Shropshire League fixtures played in a week of stormy wet weather – but narrow defeats in both leave them facing a battle to maintain their position in Group 2.

In the first match at Claverley, the first pair of Kat Oakley partnering Matt Grice stormed away in both their rubbers to defeat the hosts' first and second pairs in straight sets.

Oswestry's second pairing of Simon Jackson, who partnered debutant Linda Clark who was playing up from the third team, found it more of a struggle in losing both their rubbers.

At two rubbers all, the team were edged out on count back on games just losing out three points to their opponents five.

Their second fixture of the week, again away, was against Team Mosiac 2.

There was a change in line up with Josie Macrae partnering Paul Hampson as first pair and both their two rubbers went to third set deciding championship tie breaks with mixed success. They won against Mosaics' first pair but lost against the second pair. The partnership of Kat Oakley and Simon Jackson had a disappointing evening losing both their rubbers in straight sets.

Oswestry came away with only one point from the fixture and with two fixtures yet to play they may struggle to maintain their position in Group 2.

The second mixed team were also in action this week against a team from Shrewsbury tennis club and with four of the seven teams in Group 3 to be relegated they knew that it was always going to be tough to retain the place that they earned through promotion last season.

Going into the penultimate match of the season having won two and lost two fixtures to date and with other team's results not having gone in their favour they knew they had to win both of their last two fixtures to prevent finishing in one of those bottom four places. Captain Gary Edwards partnered Elspeth Cumpston as first pair and they quickly took a 5-2 lead in the first set in their first rubber against the Shrewsbury first pair but were pegged back before eventually taking it on a tie-break 7-6.

They then dropped the second set 1-6 but pushed their opponents all the way in the deciding third set tie-break, losing it by the close margin of 8-10.

The duo then suffered a similar experience against the Shrewsbury second pairing, winning the first set 6-1 before losing the second set 3-6 and then failing to take a match point before succumbing 12-14 in the long third set tie-break.

The Oswestry second pairing of Matt Grice and Linda Clark, played some superb tennis in their first rubber but finally lost out by 4-6, 6-7.

They were disappointed to then also lose out against the Shrewsbury first paring by 4-6, 2-6. With the Shrewsbury team now looking certain to be promoted, the Oswestry team will be fighting for fourth place in their final fixture but this will not be enough to prevent relegation back to Group 4.

SPORT

Top scorer Barton scores two more in 3-1 victory

THE league's top scorer Danny Barton continued his prolific season with a brace as Guilsfield moved up to fifth place in the Cymru Alliance with a 3-1 verdict at Penycae.

Kevin Renshaw put the Guils on course for a second consecutive win with a 27th minute effort, and Barton added a second from the penalty spot 10 minutes into the second period.

Naim Arsan pulled one back on 65 minutes but the visitors were not to be denied as Barton bagged his second of the game, and 16th of the season, with five minutes remaining.

Guilsfield made a positive start up the slope and were able to make good use of the spaces out wide with both Mark Davies and Chris Cathrall getting plenty of the ball.

An early scare for the home side saw Matt Fletcher's corner met by Jimmy O'Reilly's header which was cleared off the line while Cathrall brought a good flying save from keeper Ashley Roberts.

The opening goal that threatened came on 27 minutes as captain Nathan Leonard burst into the box and his cross was deflected into the path of Renshaw who slotted the ball home under Roberts.

Penycae came out flying in the second half and turned up the pressure, but the Guils were still an attacking threat and managed to extend the lead on the hour as a handball incident from a corner saw Barton slot home the resulting penalty.

Penycae hit back with Asram's strike reducing the arrears with the visitors caught napping at the back, but the hosts lost their composure late on and were reduced to 10 men for dissent.

And the points were in the bag as sub Jack Harris launched a good run before pulling the ball back for Barton to convert with five minutes remaining.

Guilsfield showed a good deal of determination to withstand Penycae's second half performance and were worthy of the victory in the end.

Six points in two games puts the Matt Burton's men in a positive frame of mind before Saturday's trip to Conwy Borough.

Rock bottom LLANRHAEADR'S future in the Cymru Alliance looks increasingly precarious after crashing 10-1 at high riding Cefn Druids.

Defeat now sees the villagers three points adrift at the foot of the table, after basement rivals Buckley Town won 3-1 at Porthmadog.

It was always going to be a tough task in the clash between the top and bottom in the league, and the Druids were well on the way as they opened up a four goal lead at the interval.

After keeping the leaders at bay for 26 minutes, the visitors then shipped in four goals in the space of six minutes as their challenge receded in dramatic fashion.

After ex-Newtown striker Steve Blenkinsop made the breakthrough, the floodgates opened with Matt Hurdman doubling the advantage three minutes later, before former TNS forward Scott Quigley scored twice on 30 and 32 minutes as the hosts seized total control. Matt Owen made it five early in the second half, before Quigley scored twice more on 70 and 74 minutes to take his personal tally to four.

Iwan Matthews did grab a consolation on 79 minutes, but that was the only respite for the beleaguered visitors with Matt Hughes making it 8-1 before Blenkinsop completed his hat-trick with two late strikes, the last coming from the penalty spot in injury time.

Llanrhaeadr, who host Holyhead Hotspur on Saturday, have now conceded 58 goals from 14 games, with a goal difference of minus 40.

● Saturday's Cymru Alliance fixtures (2.30 unless stated): Caernarfon Town v Caersws, Cefn Druids v Rhayader Town, Conwy Borough v Guilsfield, Llanidloes Town v Flint Town Utd, Llanrhaeadr v Holyhead Hotspur (2), Penrhyncoch v Buckley Town, Penycae v Llandudno (2), Rhydymwyn v Porthmadog (2)

St Martins celebrating first win of the season

ST MARTINS had good reason to celebrate after notching their first victory of the season at the 13th attempt with a 2-1 verdict at Ledbury Town.

Despite the welcome success, the Saints remain three points adrift at the bottom of the West Midlands League division one table - but it would have boosted their spirits as they head for another away game at Wyrley on Saturday.

Ledbury had the better chances in an even first half, but were denied by some good saves from experienced debutant keeper Paul Foster, the 40-year-old signing from Ellesemere.

After a goalless first period, St Martins got their noses in front playing up the slope in the second period when Karl Bailey rounded off a flowing move on 65 minutes.

Moments later, the forward was denied by the keeper when put through, and Ledbury were back on terms when centre half Craig Kitchener bundled the ball over the line following a goalmouth scramble.

Undaunted, the visitors regained the lead on 75 minutes when a Tom Johnson corner found Jack Brayne who crossed into the box for Jamie Williams to chest down and lift the ball over the keeper.

Saints march back to the top as Steelmen buckle

Port Talbot 1 The New Saints 3

THE New Saints restored their three point lead at the top of the Welsh Premier after sweeping aside struggling Port Talbot 3-1 at the Gen-Quip Stadium.

Having seen Airbus UK move level at the top with victory over Carmarthen the previous day, the Saints again gave themselves some daylight on their rivals thanks to goals from Mike Wilde, Kai Edwards and Sam Finley.

After midfielder Finley had rattled the bar with a dipping shot and Chris Marriott fired wide from close range, Wilde opened the scoring following a defensive slip by Leigh de Vulgt in the 23rd minute. However, on the half hour, David Brooks levelled from the penalty spot when sending keeper Paul Harrison the wrong way after being fouled in the box by Darlington.

Front runner Darlington immediately missed a chance to put the Saints back in front when his initial shot was palmed away by keeper Stephen Hall and he blazed the rebound over the bar.

The second half started badly for the visitors with defender Phil Baker forced off with injury, being replaced by Connall Rawlinson after a lay-off himself.

Impressive

TNS, however, continued to hold the upper hand and Edwards restored the advantage on 57 minutes when smashing the ball home after Wilde had nodded a Marriott corner into the defender's path.

Finley added a third six minutes later to clinch the points when picking up the ball on the edge of the box before driving a powerful shot into the bottom corner.

Wilde nearly made it four but keeper Hall stopped his volley from close range after some good work down the right from the impressive Finley.

The full-timers have now won their last six league games to underline their title credentials, while defeat will add to lowly Port Talbot's relegation concerns.

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

Under 14s in control

AN excellent all-round display ensured Oswestry under 14's returned from Baschurch with all three points in the A league.

James Jarvis put the Oswestry1-0 up after 10 minutes . Baschurch battled back but Oswestry weathered their spell of pressure to go 2-0 up after 20 minutes, another goal for the in-form Jarvis.

Connor Williams n won Oswestry a penalty shortly after half time and Curtis Weetman made it 3-0.

Williams then headed in a superb freekick from Brandon Rodgers to put the game beyond doubt with 10 minutes remaining.

There was just enough time for the home side to grab a consolation before Rogers rounded off the scoring to make the final score 5-1 to Oswestry.

TNS chief picks up ideas at Ajaz training academy

TNS Chief Operating Officer Ian Williams, has attended the European Club Association (ECA) Youth Working Group at the AFC Ajax Amsterdam training centre.

Chaired by ECA Executive board Member Edwin van der Sar, the Youth Working Group met for the first time of the new 2013-15 cycle. The 20 members, representatives of ECA Member Clubs, engaged in fruitful discussions at the renowned Ajax Academy "De Toekomst".

Williams said: "The facilities at AFC Ajax are unbelievable, they are the benchmark for any club who wants to develop talented young players.

"The sharing of good practice and ideas with the group will certainly help in future discussions regarding academies in Wales, the FAW and the Welsh Football Trust have done a great deal of work to improve academy football in Wales.

"We can't stand still though and with additional investment through the UEFA 3G Strategy across Wales and the continued success of our coach education programme, the provision for our young players can only get better."

Hole on target again as Rovers shoot down Carno

HOT-SHOT Steve Hole was again among the goals as Waterloo Rovers underlined their Spar Mid Wales League division one championship credentials with a 3-1 home success against fellow high fliers Carno.

Charlie Proctor's first half strike separated the sides at the interval before a couple of efforts from top scorer Hole in the last 10 minutes settled the issue.

Carno gained a reply in the closing moments, but it was all too little too late as Waterloo sealed a deserved success.

Victory means that Dale Roberts' side are now up to second, two points behind leaders Carno, although they have played more games than the rest of the leading pack.

WELSHPOOL TOWN slumped 4-2 at home to 10-man FOUR CROSSES who revived their modest campaign with a timely success to leapfrog the mid-table local rivals.

It proved a mixed day for ex-TNS youngster Neil Prescott who gave Crosses the lead before being sent off just before half time.

Despite being a man short, Jamie Evans scored twice after the break and an own goal made it four while Pool responded through Joe Coulson and Martyn Ziemann.

LLANFAIR United maintained their challenge in fifth spot with a nervy 5-4 verdict at LLANSANTFFRAID Village which sees them just five points off the spot. A fluctuating encounter saw Llanfair go 2-0 up with goals from James Davies and Chris Gethin, before the home side hit back to lead 3-2 at half time.

It was 4-2 soon after the break, but Rhys Stephens' side rallied courtesy of an own goal and Geraint Jones to level matters, before Davies clinched the win in fine style with his second of the game from 20 yards.

Cody Smart fired a brace for Llansantffraid with Gary Meredith and Dale Lloyd getting the others.

Postponed

Llandrindod Wells are still unbeaten as they consolidated fourth place with a 7-1 rout of Bow Street while it was another afternoon to forget for whipping boys Dolgellau who crashed 14-0 at Builth Wells to remain rooted to the foot of the table.

Rian Devlin fired a hat-trick for Aberystwyth University, but the students were defeated 6-3 at home by Aberaeron to remain in the lower reaches of the table.

In division two, Kerry went down 4-2 at Newbridge to remain second bottom and Abermule lost ground on the leading pack after suffering a 2-1 loss at Rhosgoch.

BERRIEW were left high and dry as their home tie with Ruthin Town in the fourth round of the FAW Trophy was postponed after a water leak in their dressing room.

Young Saints win thriller

THE New Saints under-19s are through to the quarter-finals of the FAW Welsh Youth Cup with a 3-2 win over Gap Connah's Quay.

They went behind to a wonderful goal but soon levelled through Rhys Cooper.

Jordan Wells received a red card but his dismissal spurred on TNS and Cooper gave his side the lead. TNS won it with a James Jones' looping header.

TNS under-16s beat the North West Elite Academy 4-0 with goals from George Minshall, Sam Gostage, Christophe Asimale and Lee Killen. Jordan Tipping and Darren Evans were on target as the under-13s finished 2-2 with Airbus.

Town suffer first defeat

Stefan Ivanov who opened the scoring for Oswestry Town in their 2-1 home loss

AFTER 15 games, FC Oswestry Town suffered their first defeat in the Mercian Regional League division one when going down 2-1 at home to the division's only other unbeaten side, Wroxeter Rovers.

Despite the loss, Nick Maguire's men are still top, but their lead has been trimmed to three points from second placed Bishop's Castle whom they come face to face with in their next action at the Venue Park Hall on Saturday, December 14.

Both sides started well as they looked to get the ball down and play, with the visitors creating the first opening but the ball was fired over the bar.

Town settled well and had good chances through Olly Jones and Stefan Ivanov but were unable to beat the visiting keeper.

However, 10 minutes before half time, the deadlock was broken when midfielder Tom Stedman slipped in striker Ivanov who found the bottom corner with a cool finish for a one goal interval lead.

The second period again saw both sides pushing forward looking for goals and midway through the half Town had a great chance to increase their lead when they had a three against two break but the keeper managed to pounce on the ball at the feet of winger Graeme Kirkham. That proved key as, moments later, Wroxeter themselves broke well and within four passes the ball was neatly tucked away in the Town net.

This reply buoyed the visitors who were soon on the attack again and, after a defensive slip, finished well to get their noses in front.

It looked curtains for FC Oswestry when their rivals were awarded a penalty, but this was well saved by keeper Broc Dawson to give Town a lifeline.

However, the hosts failed to find the equaliser in the final 10 minutes and were condemned to their first defeat of the season while Wroxeter remain unbeaten.

Manager Maguire was disappointed not to have snatched a draw in a game where both teams were well matched, but was still happy with another good performance.

Town now face a two week break before resuming on Saturday, December 14, when the host fellow high fliers Bishop's Castle in a crunch clash at Park Hall (2pm).

OSWESTRY VILLA's recent slide continued ater being edged out 3-2 at Hanwood United reserves, with defeat leaving them in ninth spot.

That is also the position of Villa's second string who were well beaten 5-0 at home to Ludlow Town Colts in division two.

Title march still on for Foxes after 4-2 victory

HIGH flying Cross Foxes maintained their title march in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League with a 4-2 victory at Athletico Market.

The league pacesetters raced into a 3-0 lead through Matt Hardy (25 minutes) Mike Jones on the half hour and Adam Herbert (36).

Joe Pierpoint made it 4-0 on the hour before Market rallied with two goals in a minute.

Joe Smith headed in at the far post on 75 minutes and 30 seconds later Karl Bailey found the net, but Foxes hung on for the spoils.

After picking up their first point the previous week, DUDLESTON HEATH notched their first win of the season when prevailing 4-2 at TAVERN.

They got off to a dream start when they were awarded a penalty in the first minute for handball in the box, with Lee Thompson making no mistake from the spot.

Stuart Williams made it 2-0 on 10 minutes but Scott Bright pulled one back with a fine touch on the half hour.

Although Jon Beckett levelled right on the stroke of half time, Adam Preston and Damien Cheeseman scored in the second half to set up Dudleston's first win.

THE OAK came from behind twice to finish 2-2 at home to high flying MALPAS. Luke Woollam gave the visitors the lead with Oak's Jordan Gerrard levelling.

Andy Morris then restored Malpas' advantage with Tom Stedman earning parity five minutes from time.

THE KEYS got back to winning ways with a fine 4-2 away win over the LODGE Liam Willis giving them an early lead, but Tom Nash then netted two quick goals put Lodge 2-1 ahead.

Jon Mitchell equalised just before half time for The Keys before second half goals from Tom Freeman and Arron Coulson secured the spoils.

Reserves go out of cup

LLANFAIR reserves saw progress in the Emrys Morgan Cup dashed with a narrow 1-0 exit at Lampeter.

Elsewhere, in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League, Guilsfield reserves stretched their winning run to five games in division one with a 4-1 home victory over Meifod.

Waterloo Reserves stayed hard on the heels of leaders Llanfair reserves with a 4-1 victory at Caersws reserves.

Churchstoke reclaimed top spot in Mitsubishi Two with Joe Haycock scoring four in their 8-1 beating of Waterloo Colts.

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Boss plays down talk of taking the title

WATERLOO Rovers are going great guns this season – but are playing down their title chances in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

The Welshpool side moved up to second in the table with last week's 3-1 home win over leaders Carno, and are now just two points off the pace.

Boss Dale Roberts, however, insists it's too early to talk about a title pursuit.

"It's too early to talk about league finishes and a lot of the teams around us have plenty of games in hand, but we'll just keep plugging away," he said.

LLANFAIR United kept up the pressure on the leaders with a 5-4 success at Llansantffraid.

"These are the type of games that make managers pull their hair out, but you've got to give Llansantffraid a lot of credit," said boss Rhys Stephens whose side face a trip to FOUR CROSSES on Saturday.

Danger

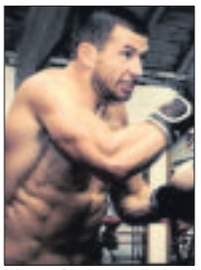
It has been a mixed campaign for Crosses but boss Nick Popyk would have been heartened by his side's much needed 4-2 win at WELSHPOOL TOWN, particularly after playing the second half with 10 men.

Mid-table WELSHPOOL have a change of fixture, with Russell Cadwallader's men now travelling to MONTGOMERY after scheduled visitors BERRIEW had to rearrange their FAW Trophy tie with Ruthin.

DYFFRYN BANW, needing points to climb away from basement danger, will be banking on a welcome victory when they head to struggling Dolgellau who have yet to pick up a point this season.

After last week's home defeat, LLANSANTFFRAID Village look to get back on track when they welcome Bow Street whose form has dipped of late.

Sinden pulls out of fight



Warren Sinden – pulled out

WELSHPOOL boxer Warren Sinden has pulled out of his rescheduled fight on December 1, citing recent problems out of the ring for leaving him mentally and physically unprepared.

Sinden, known as Big Rig, was initially due to make his fourth professional appearance in London on December 7, but following a split from his promoter – It's-A-Bout-Boxing – the fighter pulled out.

Less than 24 hours later he was added onto Sunday's card in Wolverhampton, but with less than a week to go he has conceded that he simply isn't ready.

"I've pulled out of the fight due to personal problems which have been ongoing for a while," he said.

"Everything has hit me at once and has had a knock on effect in training and preparation for my fight.

"I'm not feeling right and if I'm not 100 per cent ready and focussed then in this sport you can get seriously hurt not just suffer defeat.

"I was offered very a winnable fight but, as always, my fans come first.

Issues

"If they are to dig deep into their pockets to come and support me then I want to show them my best and nothing less.

"I need to sort out a few non-boxing related issues before I commit to training 100 per cent. I have no dates in mind for my next fight, but I'll be back and refocussed."

Eagles so glad to be back on home soil after heavy defeat

OSWESTRY'S rugby players will be happy to be back home when they entertain Orrell at Granville Park in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two on Saturday.

While enjoying favourable fortunes with a 100 per cent record on their own turf, the Eagles have struggled on their travels with last week's 46-0 beating at Ormskirk their latest setback.

It followed a 75-14 hammering at Bowdon the previous week, which means Oswestry have yet to win away from home – with their six games on the road resulting in five defeats and a draw.

Of their away games this season, four have been against the top five teams, so the Eagles hopeful of turning the corner against some of the sides in the lower regions of the table later in the campaign.

In the meantime, they will be glad to be back on familiar surrounds when they entertain Orrell on Saturday, and will be keen to get back to winning ways after last week's eight try drubbing at Ormskirk.

Despite their away day blues, Oswestry remain sixth in the table and four places above Orrell.

OSWESTRY II had a good weekend, moving up to fourth in the North West League division four (south) with a 18-12 win at home to Crewe and Nantwich. This Saturday they visit bottomclub Winnington Park.

SAINTS OUT TO STAY UNBEATEN AT HOME

THE New Saints will be "homing" in for another maximum on Saturday as they look to march on at the top of the Welsh Premier by turning the tables on Prestatyn Town at Park Hall.

The defending champions have been unbeaten at home for the past year, and this term have already reeled off six straight wins without conceding a goal to underline their title credentials.

by John Bridgwater

This form points to another success on their artificial surface this weekend, but head coach Carl Darlington knows the league leaders cannot take anything for granted against the Seasiders who are the only side to have defeated TNS in the league this season.

"We lost 1-0 away to them earlier in the season which left a sour taste, so we'll be looking to put it right on Saturday," he said.

"Prestatyn have been a bit up and down this season, but they've got some good players who can hurt you, so it's no gimme.

"Our form at home has been tremendous in the last year, but we can't treat anyone lightly and we've got to earn the right to win any game.

"We're in a good position, but we've got to keep our focus to make sure we push on at the top of the table."

The Saints go into the encounter in good heart having moved three points clear after navigating a couple of tricky excursions to south Wales.

First, they won 2-1 at Afan Lido and followed it up with a 3-1 verdict at under achieving Port Talbot last Sunday.

"We knew they would be tricky games as both teams are bottom of the table and desperate for points, so we're delighted to return with two wins," added Darlington.

"People say we can't play away, but have a good record on the road and have lost just once this season.

"Against Port Talbot, it was another professional performance, we started on the front foot and controlled the game. The only criticism is that we should have scored more goals."

Defender Phil Baker is struggling after being forced at Port Talbot with a twinge to his hamstring. His fitness is being assessed this week.

In winning all six home games this season, the Saints have netted 25 goals and conceded none.

●TNS' Welsh Cup third round clash at Conwy Borough has been brought forward a day to Friday, December 6, kick off 7.45.

Meanwhile, the club's under-19s have been drawn away to Taffs Well in the quarter-final of the Welsh Youth Cup. The tie is on Sunday, February 9.

Having already secured a glamour friendly with Liverpool, TNS Academy will play Manchester United Academy at the Premier League club's training ground on Sunday, December 8.

Guils up to fifth spot after good away win

AFTER picking up six points from their last two games, Guilsfield chase their third win on the bounce in Saturday's tricky trip to Conwy Borough.

Matt Burton's men can head to North Wales in good heart after Danny Barton's brace – taking his tally to 16 for the season – helped them move up to fifth place in the Cymru Alliance with a 3-1 verdict at Penycae.

It has been a good response following the shock Welsh Cup exit at Llanfair United earlier in the month, with the Guils putting in another steely display to withstand Penycae's second half efforts to run out worthy winners.

It followed the previous week's 2-1 verdict against Holyhead Hotspur, and has put the villagers up to fifth.

By contrast, lowly Llanrhaeadr's future in the Cymru Alliance looks increasingly precarious after crashing 10-1 at high riding Cefn Druids.

Defeat now sees the villagers three points adrift at the foot of the table.

The villagers have now conceded 58 goals from 14 games, and will be hoping to stem the tide in Saturday's home clash with Holyhead Hotspur.

Marches team marches to title

THESE young footballers from Oswestry's Marches School have netted a seven-a-side title. The Year 9 team were crowned North Shropshire champions after winning the North Shropshire Schools Competition held at Oswestry School. They were in fine form with the team conceding one goal and remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Gareth Jones, PE teacher at The Marches School, said:"There are high expectations with the Year 9 football team, and they have a very strong chance of winning more trophies this season and beyond."

Morda boss hoping team can get back on the winning track

MORDA United will hope to have several of their missing players back on Saturday as they prepare for a appetising local derby at home to Weston Rhyn (2pm).

Stung by last week's 4-0 defeat at high flying Oakengates, boss Craig Rogers will be keen to get his team's challenge quickly back on track in the Mercian League premier division.

Facing them on Saturday is a Rhyn side who, lying a couple of places below, are managed by former Morda player and reserve team manager Matt Owen. Rogers, who had to make wholesale changes with nine players missing last Saturday, said: "I'm disappointed that we had a massive game and travelled with so many players missing.

"Our front three that did all the damage in the 5-1 win against Telford Juniors the previous week were not there last Saturday.

"I can only feel disappointed that we couldn't put that team out. Our away form needs to improve, and it will if we can get most of my squad available."

Ladies dominate in fine 3-0 victory

FORTUNES are looking up for Oswestry Ladies who made it three wins in their last four outings in the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division two with a 3-0 home success over Alderley Edge III.

After the previous week's emphatic 5-0 win at Macclesfield and Bollington II, the improving side kept up the good work with another convincing victory against their good, young rivals who ran out winners when the teams met last season. This time, Oswestry dominated with Tracey Royle scoring twice and Sarah Lowe the other one.

Now lying seventh in the table, Oswestry will be looking to maintain the momentum at Sale II on Saturday. With two more games before Christmas, they will be out to finish the year on a high after a slow start.

Club AGM date

WHITTINGTON Cricket and Bowling Club will be holding their annual general meeting at the clubhouse tonight (Thursday) at 7.30. Any new members are most welcome to attend.

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